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OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, December 7, 1854.

A special meeting of Common Council was held at their new Chamber (Independence Hall), this day at 12 o'clock. The President in the Chair.

The President stated the object of the meeting was that the members of Councils were to arrange some plan to choose seats.

Mr. Randall

Moved that the seats be numbered, and that the Clerk write the name of each member and place it in a sealed envelope, he to draw the name out of a box, and as the member's name is called, he shall choose his seat.

Which was agreed to.

After each member drew his seat,

Council adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY, December 7, 1854.

Council met at their new room, Independence Hall—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Austin,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bumm,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Copeland,
Cowell,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Crispin,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Green,
Gratz,
Graeff,
Houseman,
Horn,
Hacker,

Messrs. Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Laws,
Lloyd,
Larzalere,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Magarge,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Powell,
Pomeroy,
Parham,
Painter,
Preston,
Read,
Randall,
Rhoads,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Scheetz,
Shuster,
Stallman,
Taylor,
Verree,
Watt,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President.*

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dennis

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of taking up the docket on the President's desk, and proceed to the consideration of the bill under consideration at the adjournment of last stated meeting.

Mr. Moran

Moved to amend by striking out the words "Bill under consideration at the adjournment of last stated meeting," and insert in lieu thereof, "the Bill making an appropriation to the Police Department."

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original resolution, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Copeland and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Bishop, Baleh, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell,^a Corlies, Crispin, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Laws, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, Powell, Painter, Preston, Read, Rhoads, Roberts, Shuster, Stallman, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Bumm, Dunk, Davenport, Gibson, Grove, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Norton, O'Neill, Randall, Stuart, Scheetz, Verree, Watt, Wagner.

Yeas 30 ; nays 27.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dennis

From the Committee on Gas, presented the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Gas beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, and ask its adoption.

WM. H. DENNIS,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Dec. 7th, 1854.

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned.”

On motion

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill annexed to the report.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

This title was agreed to.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also,

A report and bill, entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned.”

On motion

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill annexed.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Abbey

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed for the present.

Which was not agreed to.

The section was then agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Copeland.

From the Committee on Highways, presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Public Highways, to whom was referred an ordinance making an appropriation to the Department on Highways, &c., report that after full consideration of the bill they report the same back with an amendment, to wit, increasing the amount named for labor and materials in re-paving streets and roads from \$20,000 to \$32,000, being the amount reported by the head of the Department as necessary. Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL COPELAND

Chairman.

Committee Room, Nov. 30, 1854.

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing of the City.”

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Balch

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Moran and Randall.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Binder, Boswell, Cresswell.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Address, Austin, Bishop, Bumm, Butcher, Copeland, Cowell, Corlies, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Demis, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Grove, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Horn, Hacker,

Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, O'Neill, Powell, Painter, Preston, Read, Randall, Rhoads, Roberts, Scheetz, Shuster, Stallman, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 3 ; nays 51.

Mr. Verree

Moved to amend the section by striking out “\$32,000” and insert in lieu thereof \$20,000.

Which was not agreed to.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following ;

To the Select and Common Councils :

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying “resolution,” and ask its adoption.

SAMUEL COPELAND,
Chairman.

A resolution to release certain property of Henry Bickley.

Resolved, That the Mayor be authorized, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to release from the lien of a judgment, entered in the District Court of the City and County of Philadelphia, on the 1st day of October, 1853, No. 153 D. L. B., in which the District of Penn is plaintiff and Henry Bickley is defendant, the following described property, belonging to said defendant, namely :

All that lot of ground situate on the west side of Schuylkill Water, on Ashton Street, and on the east side of Beach Street, between Spruce and Locust Streets, in the City of Philadelphia, and at the distance of 120 feet from

the said Spruce Street, containing in breadth, north and south, on the said Water and Beach Streets, 110 feet, and in length or depth, east and west, 240 feet, bounded on the east by the said Schuylkill Water or Ashton Street, on the south by Mary Street, here 20 feet wide, on the west by the said Beach Street, and on the north by City lot, No. 1696.

Mr. Norton

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the resolution be postponed for the present and re-committed to the Committee.

Which was agreed to.

Also the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Highways beg leave to submit the accompanying resolution, and ask its adoption.

SAMUEL COPELAND,

Chairman.

Committee Room, Dec. 7th, 1854.

Resolution to approve of the vacation of parts of Meeting House Lane and Rabbit Lane in the Twenty-Fourth Ward upon certain conditions.

Whereas, By an Act of the General Assembly, approved the 5th day of May, 1854, entitled “An Act to vacate parts of Rabbit and Meeting House Lanes in Blockley Township, Philadelphia County,” it was enacted, “That the portion of Meeting House Lane, extending from the Westchester Road, or Market Street, continued southwardly to the south line of Old Marshall Road as now vacated or not used, and the portion of Rabbit Lane included between the Meeting House Lane and the intersection of it the said Rabbit Lane with Marshall Street, as continued to be used in the Township of Blockley, in the County of Philadelphia, be and the same are hereby vacated and the title to the soil over which said portions of said lanes pass, be and the same is hereby vested, in fee simple, in the owners of the

ground fronting thereon respectively, each owner to have and take that part lying in front of his, her or its ground to the middle thereof: Provided, however, that the same shall not be closed up until Chestnut and Walnut Streets, each eighty feet wide, Fulton Street, sixty feet wide, and Oak and York Streets, each forty feet wide, shall have been opened, graded and put in good condition for public use for ever, through and over the tract of land belonging to the Delaware Land Company, which is bounded on the east by the said Meeting House Lane, and is intersected by the said Rabbit Lane; all of which streets shall be opened as they are laid down upon the plan of the said tract of land recorded in the office for recording deeds, et cetera, of and for the City and County of Philadelphia, in conformity to the official plan of streets of the said township of Blockley: Provided further, said vacation shall be first approved by the Councils of the City of Philadelphia, as enlarged by an Act of Assembly, approved February second, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four."

And whereas, the said Chestnut, Walnut, Fulton, Oak and York Streets have been dedicated to public use as highways, but have not been opened, graded and put in good condition for public use: Therefore be it

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that they do hereby consent that that portion of Meeting House Lane and Rabbit Lane described in the said Act of Assembly be vacated when the terms and conditions expressed in the said Act, that is to say, when the said Chestnut, Walnut, Fulton, Oak and York Streets of the widths respectively described in the said Act are opened, graded and put in good condition for public use, and not before or otherwise.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be and he is hereby instructed to cause Ninth Street from Federal to Passyunk Road to be paved, the expense of the same to be paid by the owners of property bounding thereon.

Which was read twice and passed.

Also,

Presented a petition which had been referred to the Committee on Highways, &c., relative to the removal of obstructions on Almond Street wharf, and asked its reference to the Committee on Port Wardens.

Which was granted.

Mr. Gratz, Chairman of the Committee on Police offered the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Police beg leave to offer the accompanying ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Police Department for the purposes therein mentioned.

EDWARD GRATZ,
Chairman.

The bill being under consideration,

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to amend the same by striking out the words, "For the pay of the Lamplighters to the same time the sum of five thousand dollars.

Which was not agreed to.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also, the following report :

To the Select and Common Councils :

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Police, to whom was referred the Resolutions of Councils, of 12th October, 1854, to take into consideration the propriety of reporting a Bill, for the appointment of Lamplighters for the City—

Respectfully beg leave to report, that they have had the

matter under full consideration, and deem it inexpedient to provide by ordinance for the appointment of Lamplighters ; and although impressed with the belief, that any attempt to burthen the Policeman with duties other than such as appertain clearly and rightfully to his department, must ultimately lead to results destructive of the efficiency of the Policeman as an officer, and the department as a system. Your Committee, however, in recommending the adoption of the following Resolution, are firmly convinced, that the duties therein set forth to be exercised by the Police, are such as should rightfully belong to, and be performed by the Police Department.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following Resolution :

EDW. GRATZ,
Chairman.

Resolved, That in a future Ordinance to be prepared by the Committee on Gas, the said Committee be and they are hereby instructed to provide therein, that it shall be the duty of the Gas Department to cause Lamps to be placed at such places as may be designated and deemed necessary for the service, under the supervision of the Committee on Police : And that the management, repairs of and cleansing of all the Lamps, together with the purchasing of Oil and Fluid, and lighting the Oil and Fluid Lamps, be embraced in the Department of Gas ; and that the lighting of all the Gas Lamps and the extinguishing of the said Gas Lamps, and also the entinguishing only of the Oil and Fluid Lamps, be embraced in the Department of Police, and be a part of the duties of the Policemen.

Which was twice read and agreed to.

The Committee on Police beg leave to offer the following preamble and resolution :

E. GRATZ,
Chairman.

To the Select and Common Councils :

Whereas, Your Committee believe that by the adoption of the following resolution, the usefulness and efficiency of the Police Department will be promoted without any additional expense to the public except the trifling amount required to furnish the badges ; and that in many instances

peace and quiet may be restored and security advanced by the influence attached to a marked authority vested in the Councils which has been sustained by the experience of the cities of New York and Boston, as authorized in both those cities: Therefore,

Resolved, That suitable badges be provided for the members of Select and Common Councils of the character and description of those adopted by the Councils of New York and Boston, as may be agreed upon by the Committee on Police, and that the said Committee be directed to take measures to carry out the resolution.

Provided, That any member of Council applying to the Mayor for a badge, shall on receiving the same, give a receipt therefor, with an agreement that at the expiration of his term of office he will return the badge to the Mayor.

On motion

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

And on the question, will Council agree to the same, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Bumm and Verree.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Conrad, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Gillingham, Green, Hubbard, Hoppel, Lloyd, Mercer, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Parham, Painter, Stallman, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bishop, Balch, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Corlies, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Grove, Gay, Griscom, Houseman, Horn, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Larzalere, Moran, Matthews, Magarge, Norton, Read, Randall, Rhoads, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Shuster, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 23; nays 33.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented (in place) a bill, entitled "An Ordinance relating to the Police Department."

Which was read, when

Mr. Norton

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed, and printed for the use of members.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hacker

From the Committee on Finance, presented a bill of Charles Beine, for services as Superintendent of Highways, in the months of July, August, September and October, and asked its reference to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Which was granted.

Also, the following :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report the following resolution, and ask that it may be adopted.

Resolution to provide for the issue of a Lost Bond.

Resolved, That the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a new bond to James S. Smith, for five hundred dollars, in lieu of Bond No. 196 of the late District of Penn, which has been lost and properly advertised. The party entitled to receive the new Bond to give the requisite indemnification.

W. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Phila. Dec. 7th, 1854.

Which was twice read and agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

To the President and Members of Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following Bill, entitled an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the City Commissioners."

WM. P. HACKER
Chairman.

Committee Room, Dec. 7th, 1854.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Also,

Presented a communication from Secretary of Board of Control of Public Schols which had been referred to the Committee on Finance, relative to the water rents charged to Public Schools for the year 1854, and asked that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which was granted.

Mr. Randall presented the following :

The Committee on preparing rooms, beg leave respectfully to report the annexed ordinance.

SAMUEL RANDALL,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Dec. 7, 1854.

“ An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the payment in part of the expenses of fitting up the centre portion of the State House Building for the meetings of Councils.”

On motion

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Abbey

Moved that the report of the Watering Committee, laid on the table at the last meeting of Council, be referred back to the Committee on Water.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed a bill entitled a Supplement to an Ordinance, approved September 7, 1854, entitled, "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of the Inspectors of the Prison."

Which was read.

On motion

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

The President

Laid before Council the following message from the Mayor :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Phila., Dec. 7th, 1854. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN:—I have approved and signed the following Ordinances and Resolutions, viz :

"An Ordinance to organize the Department of Wharves and Landings."

"Preamble and Resolution adopted by Select and Common Councils at the City of Philadelphia, this second day of December, A. D. 1854."

"Resolution relative to releasing certain property to Lane Schofield."

“Resolution relative to remove the sideling of the south side of Railroad in Market Street between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets.”

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from John N. Henderson, City Controller, relative to the appropriation recently made to the House of Correction and various other subjects.

Which was read and referred to a Joint Special Committee of three from each chamber.

And Messrs. Boswell, Green and Gibson, were appointed on behalf of Common Council.

Mr. Gillingham offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways be authorized to inquire into the expediency of abating the Iron Trunks, built across Front Street, at Brown Street, and across Cadwallader Street, at Phoenix Street, and the construction of Culverts in lieu thereof at the joint expense of the City of Philadelphia and the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company

Which was read twice and passed.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Select Council be invited to meet this Council in convention on Thursday next the 14th inst., for the purpose of electing a Superintendent of Wharves and Landings.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred in both of the above.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a bill of Robert Craige, for hauling paving

stones, and asked its reference to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Which was granted.

Mr. Gibson

Presented several bills of N. Knowles for Coal furnished Spring Garden Gas Works, and asked their reference to the Committee on Gas.

Which was granted.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed an ordinance organising the Department of City Commissioner, and defining the proceedings of the Board of Revision.

Which was read, when

Mr. Randall

Moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed for the present.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Moved that the rule requiring this Chamber to adjourn at 7 o'clock, be suspended on this occasion.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Verree,

Moved that Council do now take a recess for 20 minutes.

Which was agreed to.

And at the expiration of that time again assembled.

The roll being called, there was a quorum of members present.

Messrs. Abbey, Address, Berry, Bishop, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Grove, Gray, Gay, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Powell, Pomeroy, Read, Randall, Rhodes, Stuart, Shuster, Verree, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

On motion

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Moran

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed and re-committed to the Committee on Law.

Which was agreed to

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the several Departments in making up their estimates for the year 1855, be requested to include therein, expenses for gas, water, and a fair rent for the use of any public property they may occupy, with all the various items composing the estimates.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Presidents of Councils be requested to communicate with the Legislature at their next session, relative to returning the Chair of John Hancock, now used by the Speaker of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg to the City of Philadelphia, for the purpose of having the same placed in Independence Hall.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Wagner offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of Councils are hereby tendered to the Committee under whose supervision the new Chambers have been fitted up, for the very creditable manner in which the duties under their supervision have been performed.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be requested to report to Councils, an estimate of the expenses of fitting up Police Stations in each of the Wards of the City, with the amount of rent per annum, paid for the same.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Houseman

Presented a petition from a number of citizens of the First Ward, asking that a sewer may be constructed on Moore Street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Gay offered the following preamble and resolution :

In as much as the Gutters crossing the North Pennsylvania Rail Road Co. in the City of Philadelphia have lately been cleaned out by the Order of the Board of Health :

Therefore Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways take the matter into consideration and instruct the supervisors of such Wards as the road passes through of their duty in relation to the same.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

Mr. Laws offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That none but members of Council and its officers, the Mayor and his Clerk and the Heads of Departments, have the privilege of occupying the floor of the Chamber during the session of Council.

Mr. Moran

Moved to amend by striking out the words "Heads of Departments," and insert in lieu thereof, "Members of the Departments."

Which was accepted.

Mr Wagner

Moved further to amend by adding the words, Members and Reporters of the Press, and such other persons as the President may admit."

Which was agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Randall

Presented a Communication from the Directors of the Poor of the borough of Manayunk, containing a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same, from January 1, 1852, to December 4, 1854.

The reading of which was dispensed with and referred to the Committee on Poor.

Mr. Gibson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways be instructed to take into consideration the propriety of removing an old frame house from the Southeast corner of Pasyunk Road and Little Washington Street and thereby relieve the public of a serious inconvenience.

Which was read.

Mr. Norton

Moved to amend the same at the end of the first line, by adding the words "in conjunction with the City Solicitor."

Which was accepted.

Resolution as amended was agreed to.

Select Council

Informed this Council that they had passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerks of Councils under direction of the Committee on Law be authorized to have the Journals of Select and Common Councils bound in a style corresponding with that of the former Journal of Councils.

Which was read and not agreed to.

The President

Laid before Councils a Communication from R. J. Hemphill, Secretary of the Board of Control relative to occupying a building for School purposes in the late Borough of Bridesburg.

Which was referred to the Committee on Schools with power to act.

Also,

One from the same, asking for an additional annual appropriation which was referred to the Committee on Schools.

Mr. Andress

Presented a communication from a number of citizens asking for the enforcement of the law relative to Shimmers and others occupying the market stands on Second Street, in the Eleventh Ward, appropriated to the farmers.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Mercer offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Joint Special Committee of three from each chamber be appointed to report an ordinance favorable to a Paid Fire Department,

Which was read.

Mr. Verree.

Moved that the further reading of the bill be postponed and referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Mercer

Moved to amend by adding the words, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Which was accepted.

The amendment was agreed to.

The resolution as amended was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have concurred in the ordinance for fitting up the portion of the State House Buildings, for the meetings of Councils, with an amendment, to wit: in first section add after the word "appropriated" in the fourth line the words, "out of any monies not otherwise appropriated."

Common Council non-concurred in the amendment.

Select Council subsequently recessed.

Also,

Informed that they had received a report from the committee appointed to investigate the subject of Steam Fire Engines, which they submit for information, and the committee have passed the resolution annexed.

The reading of which was dispensed with and ordered to be printed for the use of members, (*Appendix No. 1.*)

Mr. Pomeroy

Moved that Council do now proceed to the consideration of the resolution annexed to the Report of the Committee on Highways, and relative to the removal of the Third Street Railroad.—(*See page 693 of Journal.*)

Which was read.

Mr. Moran

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the resolution be postponed for the present.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informed this Council that they had received a Report from the Auditor of the accounts of certain officers of the late District of Spring Garden, and have referred the same to a special Committee of three from each chamber, and had appointed Messrs. Bullock, Selby and Pratt.

Messrs. Boswell, Newell and Matthews were appointed on behalf of Common Council.

Also,

Informed this Council that they had received a Report from the Committee on Health, relative to the removal of the City Hospital, used for contagious and pestilential diseases.

Accompanied by the following Preamble and Resolution:—(*Appendix No. 2.*)

Whereas, The present location of the City Hospital for contagious and pestilential diseases is found to be injurious to the neighborhood, and the Board of Health having under the authority of the Legislature, purchased a site beyond the limits of the populated parts of the City, having the advantage of a free circulation of air, and entirely free from producing any injurious consequences to the inhabitants, or property in the vicinity of its location: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Health be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to procure plans, specifications, and proposals for the construction of a Hospital of suitable dimensions and character as may be recommended by the Board of Health, and submit the same for the approval of this body.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Dubree,

Asked that bills of Saml. Wunder, Benjamin McVaugh, and Wm. G. Brown, for grading, &c., be taken from the Committee on Claims and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Which was granted.

Mr. Horn

Asked permission to withdraw several orders of the late District of Kensington, from the Gas Committee.

Which was granted.

Mr. Abbey offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That whenever a report is made to Council,

by any Committee, the Clerk be and is hereby required to read all the names of the Committee attached to the same.

Which was read twice and passed.

Also, the following:

Resolved, That the Clerks of Councils be and they are hereby required to send all matters referred by Councils to any Committee, to the head of the department designated, on the day following the reference, on or before 11 o'clock.

Which was read twice and passed.

Mr. Martien

Moved that Council do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 14, 1854.

Council met—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Austin,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bumm,
Boyle,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Copeland,
Cowell,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Crispin,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Green,
Gratz,
Graeff,
Houseman,
Hoffman,

Messrs. Hacker,
Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Laws,
Lloyd,
Larzalere,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Magarge,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Pomeroy,
Parham,
Painter,
Preston,
Read,
Randall,
Rhoads,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Scheetz,
Shuster,
Stallman,
Taylor,
Verree,
Watt,
Wagner.
Diehl, *President*.

While the Journal of last meeting was being read,
Mr. Verree

Moved that the further reading of the same be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Mercer

Presented a petition from a number of citizens, asking that Mead Street, east from Front, and south of Almond Street, in the Third Ward, may be repaved.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

The President

Laid before Council a communication from the Board of Directors of the Richmond Gas Company, tendering to the City the Works of said Company on equitable terms.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Gas.

Also,

A communication from R. J. Hemphill, Secretary of the Board of Control of Public Schools, relative to property for building purposes.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Schools.

Mr. Bishop

Presented a petition from the Rosine Association, asking to have the water rent remitted for the building they occupy, North Eighth Street, above Wood.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Water Works, with power to act.

Mr. Painter

Presented a communication from Messrs. Miller and Rice, contractors for building the culvert on Frankford Road, between Franklin Avenue and West Street, in the late District of Kensington, asking that payment may be made for the same.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Pomeroy

A petition from the Empire Hook and Ladder Company, asking for an appropriation of \$150.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Binder

A petition from property owners by and adjacent to Columbia Avenue, stating that said Avenue is obstructed by reason of no sufficient causeway having been made by the Philadelphia, Germantown and Norristown Railroad Company to cross over and pass their road in accordance with the Act of Assembly incorporating said Company, and asking that Councils may make provision for the same.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

The President submitted the following :

WILLIAMSPORT, Dec. 5th, 1854.

To the Members of the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN:—We have the honor, on behalf of the Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Williamsport, to extend to you a cordial invitation to visit and partake of the hospitalities of the said Borough, at the proposed celebration of the opening of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad, on the 15th inst., or whenever it may occur. An event in which the citizens of this place, feel a common interest with those of the City, which you have the honor to represent.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

E. COVERT,
HEPBURN MCCLURE,
A. UPDEGRAFF,

Committee.

Which was read and accepted.

Also,

A communication from Charles C. Sullivan, President of the Northwestern Railroad Company, notifying Councils that the annual election for President and Directors of said Company will take place on the second Monday in January next.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Also,

A communication from A. E. Outerbridge, No. 9 City Block, Dock Street, asking that gas may be introduced into his store.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas.

Also,

One from John Diehl, Commissioner of City Property, asking for an extra Clerk for two or three months.

Which was referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Shuster

Presented a petition from Seth Holt, asking permission to run coal cars into his yard, southwest corner of Ninth and Wallace Streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Gratz from the Committee on Police, presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Police beg leave to offer the accompanying Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance relating to horses, cows, sheep, goats and other animals running at large."

EDWARD GRATZ,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Dec. 14, 1854.

Which was read and ordered to be printed for the use of members.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Police to whom was referred a resolution from Select Council requesting information relative to the rental of the different Station Houses, the amount required for fitting up the same, and the amount due for lighting the Public lamps, accompanied with sundry bills, report the same and ask to have it printed for the use of the members of Councils, (*Appendix No. 3.*)

EDWARD GRATZ,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Dec. 14, 1854.

It was so ordered to be printed for the use of members.

Also,

Reported back a petition relative to Shimmers and others occupying the market stands on Second Street, and asked its reference to the Commissioner of Market Houses.

Which was granted.

Also,

Reported back a resolution relative to a Paid Fire Department, and asked its reference to a Joint Special Committee of three from each chamber.

Mr. Painter

Moved that the resolution lie on the table.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Cresswell and Martien.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Address, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Cowell, Conrad, Corlies, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Gray, Green, Graeff, Houseman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Lloyd, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Newell, Pomeroy, Painter, Scheetz, Shuster, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Balch, Boyle, Butcher,

Boswell, Copeland, Cresswell, Eastwick, Giller, Griscom, Gay, Gratz, Hoffman, Hacker, Hilles, Larzalere, Mercer, Matthews, Preston, Randall, Rhoads, Roberts, Stallman, Taylor, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 32; nays 27.

Which was agreed to.

Also, the following:

Resolved, That in conformity with the sixth section of the Consolidation Act, the persons engaged in the care of lighting and extinguishment of the public lamps of the City, "shall continue to discharge the duties of their respective offices until superseded or dismissed," that the past continuance of persons so employed, by the Lieutenants of the different Police Districts, under the orders of the head of the Police Department, is hereby confirmed, and that the Mayor be empowered to adopt all necessary measures to secure the continued and proper performance of the said duties for the present, and until action shall be had in relation thereto by Councils.

Which was read twice and passed.

Mr. Hacker, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the securities of the Supervisors of the different Wards have referred the same to the Solicitor, and received from him the names of the following, as having the necessary qualifications:

Samuel Money, First Ward; S. M'Menomy and John Schaffer.

George W. Bosler, First Ward; Frederick Simon and George Hollick.

Robert Rodgers, Second Ward; George H. Chambers.

Joseph Brown, Third Ward; Jacob Wilkins and Peter Lamb, Jr.

John Gibbs, Fifth Ward ; William H. French and John Kelley

William M. Taylor, Twelfth Ward ; Joseph Taylor and John D. Taylor.

Anthony Conrad, Fourteenth Ward ; Charles B. Smith.

John Sailor, Fifteenth Ward ; Jacob Beckly and George Cubbler.

John M. Graef, Nineteenth Ward ; Samuel Warthman

Andrew Brodie, Twentieth Ward ; E. Cummings & J. T. Brodie.

Christopher Rex, Twenty-first Ward ; George Culp and F. W. Hagy.

Edward Strouse, Twenty-first Ward ; Edwin Preston and Charles Bowen.

C. M. Paraday, Twenty-second Ward ; Spencer Roberts.

John Wunder, Twenty-second Ward ; William Benner and H. Krickbaum.

Reuben Sands, Twenty-second Ward ; Curtis Gilbert.

John B. Townsend, Twenty-third Ward ; Charles W. Bacon, Jr.

Job Litzenberg, Twenty-fourth Ward ; George W. Smith and William R. Swift.

And offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Select and Common Councils do approve of the above named securities for the Supervisors.

WM. P HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Dec. 14, 1854.

The resolution was read and passed.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the

resolution from Select Council releasing George Ferry, one of the securities of Patrick McDonough, late Collector of Water Rents of the late District of Moyamensing, have had the same under consideration and ask its adoption.

WM. P. HACKER,

Chairman.

Committee Room, Dec. 14, 1854.

Resolved, That the Mayor be authorised, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to release from the lien of a judgment, entered in the Supreme Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, on the twenty-first day of February, 1854, to December term, 1854, No. 23, in which the commissioners and inhabitants of the District of Moyamensing are plaintiffs and Patrick McDonough, Banner Thomas, Robert Kilduff, and George Ferry are defendants, the following described property belonging to George Ferry, one of said defendants, namely: all that certain lot or piece of ground with the buildings thereon erected situate at the Northwest corner of Eighth Street and Shippen Street, in the Fourth Ward of the City of Philadelphia, containing in front or breadth on said Eighth Street, thirty-six feet nine inches, and extending in length or depth on Shippen Street, forty-eight feet six inches, bounded on the north by ground now or late of Martha L. Eurie, east by Eighth Street, south by Shippen Street, and west by ground of Edward South. Provided, the other defendants in said judgment consent thereto.

Which was not agreed to.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to offer the following bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the payment of certain claims against the Corporations."

WM. P. HACKER,

Chairman.

Committee Room, December 14, 1854.

On motion

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill annexed to the report.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Norton

Presented the report of the Committee of visitation to the Girard College for orphans for the month of November. (*See Appendix No. 4.*)

The reading of which was dispensed with,

And ordered to be printed for the use of members.

Mr. Martien presented the following :

To the President and Members of Common Councils :

The undersigned, Committee of Conference appointed on the part of Common Council in reference to the salary of Clerks of Councils, report that the Committee cannot agree, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. W. MARTIEN,
W. P. HACKER,
R. M. BERRY.

Committee Room, Dec. 14, 1854.

Which was granted.

Mr. Balch offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Mayor be authorized to contract, under the supervision of the Committee on Police, and the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, with Messrs. Purdy and Phillips for the erection and construction of a Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, according to the second of their propositions submitted to Councils.

Mr. Gibson

Moved that the resolution be laid on the table,

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Moran and Balch.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bumm, Boyle, Binder, Copeland, Conrad, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gay, Green, Graeff, Houseman, Hoffman, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Preston, Randall, Rhoads, Stuart, Scheetz, Shuster.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Austin, Bishop, Balch, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Corlies, Eastwick, Grove, Gray, Gratz, Hacker, Hoppel, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Magarge, Newell, Pomeroy, Painter, Roberts, Stallman, Taylor, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 34; nays 29.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Randall offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the rule requiring this Council to adjourn at seven o'clock be suspended for this day.

Which was read twice and passed.

Mr. Copeland

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of the report and resolutions relative to the Third Street Railroad.

Which was agreed to.

The amendment to the first resolution of Mr. Butcher's being under consideration,

Mr. Verree

Moved an amendment to the amendment, by adding the words, "and that the Chief Commissioner of Highways be directed to have the same removed forthwith."

And after a protracted discussion of the subject,

Mr. Bumm

Moved the previous question.

And was sustained in the call by the following members rising :

Messrs. Butcher, Bumm, Dunk, Gibson, Hoffman, Houseman, Mercer, Read, Rhoads and Scheetz.

The question being, shall the main question be now put,

It was agreed to.

The main question being the amendment to the amendment, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel and Hoffman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Balch, Bumm, Butcher, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Grove, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Laws, Mercer, Martien, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, Pomeroy, Parham, Read, Rhoads, Scheetz, Stallman, Taylor, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Bishop, Boyle, Binder, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Crispin, Giller, Gray, Gay, Hoffman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Lloyd, Larzalere, Matthews, Norton, O'Neill, Preston, Randall, Stuart, Shuster, Watt, Diehl,
President.

Yeas 31 ; nays 32.

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Randall and Martien.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Berry, Balch, Bumm, Boyle, Butcher, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Grove, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Hoppel, Laws, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, Pomeroy, Parham, Preston, Read, Rhoads, Scheetz, Stallman, Taylor, Verree, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bishop, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Crispin, Giller, Gray, Gay, Hoffman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Larzalere, Norton, O'Neill, Randall, Stuart, Shuster, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 37 ; nays 28.

Which was agreed to.

The resolution as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Bumm

Moved that Council do now take a recess of ten minutes.

Mr. Martien

Moved to amend, by striking out "ten" and insert "twenty."

Which was agreed to.

And at the expiration of that time again assembled, and resumed the consideration of the second resolution annexed to the report.

Mr. Pomeroy

Moved to amend the same, by striking out all after the word "Resolved," and insert the following: "That the Commissioner of Highways be directed to have the railroad from Third and Chestnut to Dock Street Wharf removed on the 1st of March, and from Third and Chestnut to Eighth and Market Street as soon as the same can be done without serious injury to parties now under lease on account of said road."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Butcher and Cowell.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Boyle, Butcher, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, Pomeroy, Parham, Preston, Read, Rhoads, Roberts, Shuster, Taylor.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bishop, Binder, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Corlies, Crispin, Gray, Gay, Hoff-

man, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Norton, Stuart, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 28 ; nays 20.

Which was agreed to.

On agreeing to the resolution as amended, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Norton and Hubbard.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Boyle, Butcher, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, Pomeroy, Parham, Preston, Read, Rhoads, Shuster, Taylor.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bishop, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Corlies, Crispin, Gray, Gay, Hoffman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Norton, Roberts, Stuart, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 28 ; nays 20.

Which was agreed to.

The third resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Abbey

Moved to amend the same in the third line, after the word “passengers,” by inserting the words “or freight.”

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Abbey and Hoffman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Corlies, Gibson, Gray, Gay, Hoffman, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Matthews, Roberts, Stuart, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Boyle, Butcher, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Eastwick, Grove, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Mercer, Martien, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, Pomeroy, Parham, Preston, Read, Rhoads, Shuster, Taylor.

Yeas 22 ; nays 26.

Which was not agreed to.

On agreeing to the resolution, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Pomeroy and Address.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Address, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Gibson, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Hoffman, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Martien, Norton, Newell, Preston, Roberts, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyle, Binder, Corlies, Crispin, Eastwick, Grove, Green, Hubbard, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Pomeroy, Parham, Read, Rhoads, Shuster, Taylor, Watt.

Yeas 32 ; nays 18.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informed this Council that they were ready to meet in convention, for the purpose of electing a Superintendent of Wharves and Landings.

Mr. Norton

Moved that the Clerk inform Select Council that we are prepared to receive them for that purpose.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Presented a petition from George L. Ashmead Esq., Attorney for Phœbe Baldrige, and Joseph C. North, asking for the payment of certain road damages.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Haeker

Presented a claim of John L. Irick & Co., against the late District of Kensington.

Also

One from Benjamin Moore, Surveyor, against the same.

Also,

One from Edgar Z. Steever, for materials, work, and labor done at the Hospital, alongside of the County Prison.

Mr. Randall

A petition from Thomas W. Evans, asking to be released in part from paying taxes for 1854, for his property 214 Chestnut Street, destroyed by fire on the night of the fifth of July last.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hacker

Presented a claim of Colton, Code & Co., against the Frankford Gas Works for Gas meters.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas.

Also,

One from James McCloskey, for materials furnished and work done in Washington Street, between William and Till Streets, Twenty-fourth Ward.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Newell

Moved that we now proceed to make nominations for Superintendent of Wharves and Landings.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Bishop	nominated	Joseph S. Russell.
" Pomeroy	"	John B. Rheiner.
" Stuart	"	Robert Huddell.
" Hubbard	"	Jacob S. Roberts.
" Gray	"	John G. Pierie.
" Hoffman	"	James Horner.
" Mercer	"	Samuel R. Hilt.

When the nominations closed.

Mr. Dennis, from the Committee on Gas, presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Gas beg leave to submit the accom-

panied bill, entitled "an Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purpose therein mentioned,

WM. H. DENNIS,

Chairman.

Committee Room, Dec. 14, 1854.

On motion

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill annexed to the report.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Cowell

Moved a re-consideration of the vote, by which the resolution from the Committee on Police, relative to Badges, &c., was lost at the last meeting.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Mr. Norton

Moved to amend the resolution, by striking out that part that refers to New York and Boston.

Which was agreed to.

The resolution as amended was read and passed.

The following message was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Phila. Dec. 14, 1854. }

To the President of Common Council:

SIR:—I have this day approved and signed the following Ordinance:

"An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the pay-

ment in part of the expenses of fitting up the centre portion of the State House building for the meetings of Councils."

And the following resolutions :

"Resolution to provide for the issue of a lost bond."

"Resolution to approve of the vacation of parts of Meeting House Lane, and Rabbit Lane, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, upon certain conditions."

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That Select Council will meet Common Council in convention to elect a Chief Surveyor and Regulator and twelve Assistant Surveyors, on Wednesday the 27th instant.

Mr. Martien

Moved to amend, by striking out "Wednesday the 27th," and inserting "Thursday the 28th."

Which was agreed to.

The President

Submitted a communication from James Cooper, President of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company, informing Councils that the proposed excursion to Williamsport, (and for such as think fit to extend it to Erie and back,) will start on Monday morning next, 18th inst., at 7½ o'clock, and cordially inviting all to unite in it.

Also,

A communication from Smith, Seckel & Co., inviting Councils to witness a trial of "The Patent Street Sweeping Machine," imported from Manchester, England, together with "an American Street Sweeping Machine," constructed in this City, on Saturday the 16th inst., at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Which were severally read and accepted.

The President and members of Select Council were then introduced in convention, and after the President had stated the object thereof, proceeded to ballot for a Superintendent of Wharves and Landings.

The clerks reported 69 votes cast for the following :

James Horner, received 45 votes. Elected.

Robert Huddell, " 13 "

John G. Pierie, " 8 "

John B. Rheiner, " 3 "

Select Council

Messrs. Pratt, Selby, H. L. Smith, Verree, *President*.

4 voted for James Horner.

Common Council.

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Boyle, Binder, Butcher, Cowell, Cresswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Gibson, Grove, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Graceif, Houseman, Hoffman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Parham, Painter, Preston, Randall, Rhoads, Shuster, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

41 voted for James Horner.

In all 45 votes. Elected

Select Council

Messrs. Cornman, Hinman, Hutchinson, Kline, Roberts, W. S. Smith.

6 voted for Robert Huddell.

Common Council

Messrs. Balch, Boswell, Crispin, Eastwick, Hassinger, Magarge, Stuart.

7 voted for Robert Huddell.

In all 13 votes.

Select Council

Messrs. Jones, P. A. Keyser, Knorr, Marselis, Thomas.

5 voted for John G. Pierie.

Common Council

Messrs. Gray, Read, Roberts.

3 voted for John G. Pierie.

In all 8 votes.

Select Council

Messrs. Bullock, Caldwell.

2 voted for John B. Rheiner.

Common Council

Mr. Pomeroy, voted for John B. Rheiner.

In all 3 votes.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed a supplement to an Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Police Department for the purposes therein mentioned, passed Dec. 14, 1854."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Mr. Gratz

Moved to amend the section by striking out the "proviso."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hubbard and Dougherty.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS — Messrs. Andress, Boyle, Butcher, Boswell, Davenport, Dennis, Gibson, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Hacker, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Newell, Read, Rhoads, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Cresswell, Crispin, Dunk, Dougherty, Eastwick, Grove, Gay, Hoffman, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Matthews, Magarge, Pomeroy, Parham, Randall, Roberts, Shuster.

Yeas 22 ; nays 22.

Which was not agreed to.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had under consideration the bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Police Department for the purposes therein mentioned."

And have amended the first section by striking out the following, "for the pay of the lamp-lighters to the same time the sum of five thousand dollars."

And in the third line of the first section, by striking out "eight" and inserting "three."

Common Council concurred in the amendments.

Also,

Inform that they have concurred in the Bill passed by Common Council on December 7, 1854, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the City Commissioners," with the following amendment:

First section, third line, the words "out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, except the appropriation to be paid on the 15th of February next."

Common Council concurred in the amendment.

Also,

Inform that they have concurred in the resolution relative to badges, with an amendment, to wit: "strike out the proviso."

Common Council concurred in the amendment.

Also,

Inform that they have passed a bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of expense incurred in the laying of pipes for the conveyance of water in and through the streets of the City."

Which was read, when

Mr. Moran

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed and printed for the use of members.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Abbey and Mercer.

And being ordered were as follows :

* YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Bishop, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Crispin, Dennis, Dougherty, Grove, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Hoffman, Hubbard, Lloyd, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Parham, Rhoads, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Balch, Boyle, Cowell, Dunk, Davenport, Gibson, Houseman, Hassinger, Mercer, Matthews, Magarge, Pomeroy, Read, Randall, Roberts, Shuster, Wagner.

Yeas 26 ; nays 19.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Inform that they have had under consideration and passed a bill entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance approved July 10, A. D. 1854, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the temporary cleansing of the City and to make an appropriation therefor."

Which was read, and

Mr. Boswell

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed for the present.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Moran and Parham.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Balch, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Gibson, Gay, Houseman, Hoffinan, Hassinger, Matthews, Magarge, Norton, Newell, Read, Randall, Rhoads, Roberts, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Boyle, Binder, Butcher, Dennis, Grove, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Hubbard, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Parham, Shuster, Watt.

Yeas 25 ; nays 18.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Inform that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways be directed to enquire by what authority an extension of the Southwark Railroad is being made up Swanson to Cedar Street, and report to Councils at the next meeting.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Gibson

Offered the following preamble and Resolution.

Whereas, Alexander Gwinn, the late Superintendent of paving of the late District of Southwark, made report to the late Local Committee, of the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Wards, wherein he stated that curbstone belonging to the District had been removed from Jefferson Avenue, and sold to William McCormick, amounting in value to about four-hundred dollars, which amount has not yet been paid :
Therefore,

Resolved, That the whole matter be referred to the Committee on Law, with instructions to take such action thereon as may be advised by the City Solicitor.

Which was read twice and passed.

The President

Submitted a communication from Bartholomew Bussier, asking for the use of the Public Halls in Frankford, Germantown, West Philadelphia, and Southwark, for the purpose of delivering a course of Free Lectures.

Which was referred to the Committee on City Property.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have received a report from the Committee on Water Works, and have passed the resolution annexed :

Resolved, That the Public Schools and all other Departments be charged the Water Rents, believing it to be the true policy of our present organization, that being the only method of ascertaining the income and expense of the different Departments.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution annexed to the report.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Informs this Council that they have passed a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for lighting the public lamps."

On motion

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second being under consideration,

Mr. Gratz

Moved to amend the same at the end thereof, by adding the words "except the lighting of the oil lamps."

Which was agreed to.

On agreeing to the section as amended, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gratz and Dennis.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Binder, Butcher, Cowell, Dunk, Davenport, Gibson, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Hoffman, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, Parham, Roberts, Shuster, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Boyle, Boswell, Crispin, Dennis, Dougherty, Gay, Hubbard, Hassinger Pomeroy, Read.

Yeas 26 ; nays 12.

Which was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed,

Mr. Dougherty

Moved that Council do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, December 16, 1854.

A Special meeting of Common Council was held this day at 3 o'clock—Present

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Austin,
Berry,
Baleh,
Bumm,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Cowell,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Crispin,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Green,
Gratz,
Graeff,
Houseman,
Hoffman,
Horn,
Hacker,

Messrs. Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Laws,
Lloyd,
Larzalere,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Magarge,
Manuel,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Powell,
Pomeroy,
Parham,
Painter,
Preston,
Read,
Randall,
Rhoads,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Scheetz,
Shuster,
Stallman,
Watt,
Wagner
Diehl, *President*.

The Clerk read the call of the meeting, to wit:

TO JOHN H. DIEHL, ESQ., *President of the Select and Common Council*:

DEAR SIR:—You are requested to call a special meeting of Common Council on Saturday, the 16th instant, at three o'clock P. M., for general purposes.

JAMES W. MARTIEN.
JOSEPH M. COWELL.
GEORGE W. POMEROY.
SAMUEL J. RANDALL.

Mr. Eastwick

Moved that Council do now take a recess of thirty-minutes for the purpose of witnessing the trial of the Street Sweeping Machines around Independence Square.

Which was agreed to.

Council assembled.

Messrs. Bumm and Randall

Moved a re-consideration of the vote by which the resolution relative to the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph was laid on the table at the last meeting.

Which was agreed to.

The resolution was again read. When

Mr. Randall

Moved to amend the same by adding the following proviso:

Provided that the said contract shall be first submitted to Councils and shall be approved by them.

It was accepted.

Mr. Butcher

Moved an amendment to the amendment by adding the following:

“And also provided the Fire Insurance Companies doing business in this City shall volunteer to pay half the expense incurred by erecting said Telegraph.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Butcher and Gray.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS — Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Bumm, Butcher, Conrad, Corlies, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Gay, Green, Graeff, Houseman, Hoffman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Larzalere, Matthews, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Painter, Preston, Randall, Roberts, Scheetz, Stallman, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Berry, Balch, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Eastwick, Giller, Gray, Griscom, Gratz, Horn, Hacker, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Magarge, Pomeroy, Parham, Stuart, Shuster, Watt. Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 33 ; nays 26.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Painter

Moved to amend by adding after Purdy and Phillips, “and that the Mayor and the Committees be directed to issue proposals to any person or persons who may deem it proper to contract for the same.”

Which was subsequently withdrawn.

And offered the following instead, to add after the word authorized “to receive the proposals” and after the words Purdy and Phillips “or other parties,” and add after the word Telegraph “and report the same to Councils.”

Which the President ruled out of order.

Mr. Randall

Moved to lay the resolution on the table.

On this question the yeas and nays were demand by Messrs. Balch and Martien.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS — Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Gibson, Griscom, Gay, Graeff, Houseman, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Larzalere, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Powell, Parham, Painter, Preston, Randall, Scheetz, Stallman, Watt, Wagner.

NAYS — Messrs. Andress, Austin, Balch, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Corlies, Crispin, Dubree, Eastwick, Giller, Grove, Gray, Green, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Moran, Martien, Magarge, Newell, Pomeroy, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 28 ; nays 32.

So the resolution was not agreed to.

Mr. Abbey

Moved to amend by adding after Purdy and Phillips the words "any other parties."

Mr. Balch

Called the previous question, but was not sustained.

Mr. Randall

Moved further to amend by striking out after Telegraph "according to the second of their propositions submitted to Councils."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Randall and Painter.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Bumm, Butcher, Conrad, Corlies, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Griscom, Gay, Green, Graeff, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Parham, Painter, Preston, Randall, Roberts, Scheetz, Stallman, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*,

NAYS — Messrs. Andress, Balch, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Dennis, Eastwick, Giller, Gratz, Hoffman, Laws.

Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Magarge, Pomeroy, Rhoads, Stuart, Shuster.

Yeas 38 ; nays 22.

The amendments were agreed to.

And the resolution as amended, to wit :

“ *Resolved*, That the Mayor be authorized to contract under the supervision of the Committee on Police, and the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, with Messrs. Purdy and Phillips, or other parties, for the erection and construction of a Fire and Police Telegraph. Provided that the said contract shall be first submitted to Councils, and shall be approved by them, and also provided the Fire Insurance Companies doing business in this City, shall volunteer to pay one half the expense incurred by erecting said Telegraph.”

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Abbey

Moved to suspend the regular order of business, and take up the Water Bill, as came from Select Council.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Martien

Moved to suspend the regular order of business, and proceed to the consideration of the bill re-organizing the Fire Department.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Martien and Matthews.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS —Messrs. Andress, Austin, Balch, Butcher, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Giller, Grove, Griscom, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Hoffman, Horn, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Ma tien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Randall, Stallman, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS.—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Crispin, Gibson, Gay, Houseman, Hubbard, Norton, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Preston, Rhoads, Stuart, Scheetz, Shuster, Watt.

Yeas 36 ; nays 21.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hacker

Moved that Councils take a recess of 30 minutes.

Which was agreed to.

Council re-assembled and there being no quorum present,

Mr. Dennis

Moved that Council do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 26th, 1854.

A Special meeting was held this day—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Austin,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bunn,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Cowell,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Gray,
Griscom,
Green,
Gratz,
Graeff,
Houseman,
Hoffman,
Hacker,

Messrs. Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Laws,
Lloyd,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Powell,
Pomeroy,
Parham,
Painter,
Read,
Randall,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Shuster,
Stallman,
Taylor,
Verree,
Watt,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President.*

The President

Laid before Council a communication from John Diehl, Commissioner of City Property, asking that \$600 be taken from the appropriation for tinning and repairs to the State House roof and steeple, and placed to the credit of the appropriation for Public Squares, say \$400, and to the credit of that for furnishing the Hall of Independence with portraits, \$200.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A communication from Thomas S. Fernon, President of the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company, giving notice that the City of Philadelphia is entitled to elect, by the Councils thereof, two Directors of said Company, to serve one year from the second Monday in January next.

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Also,

A communication from James Horner, Superintendent of Wharves and Landings, offering the names of Paul J. Field and Joseph C. Barnard as his sureties.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Messrs. Balch and Martien presented memorials numerously signed by owners and occupants of property on Arch Street, remonstrating against the construction of a railroad in said Street.

The reading of which was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Messrs. Balch, Boswell, Cresswell, Eastwick, Gray, Gratz, Hoffman, Laws, Martien, Manuel, Moran, Newell and Verree, presented numerous petitions from the citizens of Philadelphia, asking for the introduction of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph, for the immediate construction of two or more Steam Engines, and for the re-organization of the Fire Department.

So much of said petition as referred to the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph and the re-organization of the Fire

Department, was referred to the Police Committee in conjunction with the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department. And so much as referred to the Steam Fire Engines was referred to the Special Committee having charge of that subject.

Mr. Abbey

Presented a communication from Frederick Graff, Esq., Chief Engineer of the Water Works, relative to the collection or receiving of the water rents for the year 1855.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed a bill entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance approved October 3, 1854, entitled 'An Ordinance organizing the Department for Supplying the City with Water.'"

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Council then resumed the consideration of the bill entitled "An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia."

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Martien

Moved to amend the same at the end thereof by adding the words, " And approved by the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Stuart

Moved further to amend, in the fourth line, by striking out the word " thirty," and insert in lieu thereof " sixty."

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

The second section being under consideration,

Mr. Martien

Moved to amend the same in the first line, after the word " Company," by introducing the words " as may be approved by the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department."

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

The third section was agreed to.

The fourth section being under consideration,

Mr. Martien

Moved to amend by filling the blanks with the words " March and September."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Abbey

Moved further to amend in the fifth line, after the word " one," by inserting the words " of the three."

Which was also agreed to.

Mr. Boswell

Moved further to amend by striking out the section and substituting the following :

SECTION 4. Councils shall elect, at their first meeting after the passage of this Ordinance, and annually thereafter in the month of January, one person to serve as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia; *Provided*, That the person so elected shall be not less than thirty years of age.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Boswell and Martien.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Boswell, Cresswell, Hilles, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Butcher, Cowell, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Haslinger, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Painter, Read, Randall, Stuart, Shuster, Stallman, Taylor, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 4; nays 45.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Griscom

Moved further to amend, in the fourth line, after the word "Councils," by inserting the words "in joint meeting by *viva voce* vote."

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

The fifth section was agreed to.

The sixth section was agreed to.

The seventh section was agreed to.

The eighth section being under consideration,

Mr. Verree

Moved to amend the same by striking out all after the word "Councils," in the fifth line, inclusive to the word "fires" on the eighth line.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Verree and Gibson.

And, being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Boswell, Conrad, Dougherty, Gibson, Houseman, Hilles, Parham, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Butcher, Cowell, Cresswell, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Giller, Griscom, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Mammel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Painter, Read, Stuart, Shuster, Stallman, Taylor, Wagner.

Yeas 8; nays 41.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Verree

Moved further to amend in the eighth line, after the word "fires," by inserting the following:

"*Provided*, That the Police Force so called into service shall be at all times under the control of the Mayor or Marshal and his assistants."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Verree and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Boswell, Conrad, Dougherty, Gibson, Griscom, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Hubbard, Hilles, Mercer, Parham, Taylor, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Bunn, Butcher, Cowell, Cresswell, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Giller, Green, Hacker, Hoppel, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Painter, Read, Stuart, Shuster, Stallman, Watt, Wagner.

Yeas 16; nays 36.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Griscom

Moved further to amend in the sixth line, after the word "shall," by inserting the words "together with the Mayor and Marshal," and in the eighth line, after the word "fires," the words "which police force shall be under the proper officer."

Mr. Norton

Called for a division of the question on the amendment.

Which was granted.

The first division was not agreed to.

The second division was not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved further to amend in the first line, after the word "Engineer," by inserting the words "and his Assistants of the Districts."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Norton

Moved further to amend, in the fourth line, by striking out the word "he" and insert in lieu thereof "they;" and in the same line by striking out the word "his," and insert in lieu thereof "theirs."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved further to amend, at the end of the fifth line, by adding the words "The Chief Engineer."

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Martien

Moved a re-consideration of the vote by which the amendment offered by Mr. O'Neill was adopted.

Which was agreed to.

The amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Giller

Moved a re-consideration of the vote by which the amendment offered by Mr. Norton was adopted.

Which was agreed to.

The amendment was not agreed to.

The section was agreed to.

The ninth section was agreed to.

The tenth section being under consideration,

Mr. Norton

Moved to amend, in the fourth line, by striking out the word "may," and insert in lieu thereof "shall."

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

The eleventh section being under consideration,

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend the same by striking out "\$1,500," and inserting in lieu thereof "\$1,000."

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved further to amend, in the fourth and fifth lines, by striking out "\$500," and insert in lieu thereof "\$1,000."

Mr. Butcher

Moved an amendment to the amendment, by striking out "\$1000," and insert in lieu thereof, "800."

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Painter and O'Neill.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Bishop, Mercer, Manuel, O'Neill, Painter.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Balch, Einder, Butcher, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Hoffman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Norton, Newell, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Preston, Randall, Roberts, Shuster, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 5 ; nays 45.

Which was not agreed to.

The section was agreed to.

Mr. Hacker

Moved that the further consideration of the Bill be suspended, for the purpose of offering a resolution.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the rule, which requires this Council to adjourn at 7 o'clock, be suspended on this occasion.

Which was read twice and passed.

Council then resumed the consideration of the Bill relative to the Fire Department.

The twelfth section was agreed to.

The thirteenth section being under consideration,

Mr. Martien

Moved to amend, by striking out all after the word "Houses," in the second line, to the word "House" inclusive in the third line; and in the fourth line after the word "given," to the word "Telegraph" inclusive, and in the fifth line all after the word "District," to the word "House" inclusive.

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section fourteenth was agreed to.

Section fifteenth being under consideration,

Mr. Laws

Moved to amend the same at the end thereof, by adding the following :

“ And that all engines hereafter to be built shall have their chambers at least eight inches in diameter.”

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section sixteenth was agreed to.

Section seventeenth was agreed to.

Section eighteenth was agreed to.

Section nineteenth being under consideration,

Mr. Boswell

Moved to amend by striking out all after the word “ same,” in the eleventh line.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Pomeroy and Boswell.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Bishop, Balch, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Dennis, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Moran, Norton, Pomeroy, Randall, Roberts, Verrec, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Binder, Butcher, Cowell, Corlies, Davenport, Dubree, Griscom, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Hoffman, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Newell, Powell, Parham, Shuster.

Yeas 25 ; nays 21.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Norton

Moved further to amend in the fourth line after the word "as," by inserting the words "Councils upon the recommendation of the."

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section twentieth was agreed to.

Section twenty-first was agreed to.

Section twenty-second was agreed to.

Mr. Hoppel offered the following as the twenty-third section :

"The Chief Engineer shall give two or more securities to the City of Philadelphia in the sum of \$10,000, to be approved by Councils, for the faithful performance of his duties.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel and Norton.

And, being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Griscom, Green, Gratz, Hoffman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Parham, Randall, Shuster, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Martien, Powell.

Yeas 36 ; nays 2.

Which was agreed to.

Section twenty-fourth being under consideration,

Mr. Matthews

Moved to amend the same on the fourth line, after the word "their," by inserting the word "age."

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section twenty-fifth was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time.

And on its final passage the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch and Cowell, and, being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Cowell, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Griscom, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Hoffman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Roberts, Shuster, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Boswell, Cresswell, Verree.

Yeas 41 ; nays 3.

Which was agreed to.

And the bill passed.

The following Message was received from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Phila., Dec. 26th, 1854. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN:—I have approved and signed the following Ordinances :

“ An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the payment of certain claims against the Corporation.”

“ An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned.”

“ An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Police Department for the purposes therein mentioned.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing of the City.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the City Commissioners.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned.”

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which was laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from the Mayor relative to the resolution in reference to furnishing badges to the members of of Councils (*Appendix No. 4*).

Which was read and ordered to be transmitted to Select Council for information.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have received a report from the Committee on Water Works, and have passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be directed to fit up the room situated on the southwest corner of Fifth and Chestnut Streets, lately occupied by the City Treasurer, for the use of the Water Department.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Butcher

Moved to amend the same in the fifth line, by striking out the words “Water Department” and insert in lieu thereof “Department of Highways, &c.”

Which was not agreed to.

The resolution was then agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Balch offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on City property be directed to inquire into the practicability of making an exchange with the American Philosophical Society of some portion of the real estate of the City, for the building and ground in Independence Square, belonging to said Society, and report to Councils.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That \$600 be transferred from appropriation for Metallic Roof and repairs to the Steeple of Independence Hall, and place the same, say \$400, to Item Public Squares, and \$200 to the furnishing Independence Hall.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Pomeroy offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That suitable Badges be provided for the members of Select and Common Councils, of the character and description of those adopted by the Councils of New York and Boston, as may be agreed upon by the Committee on Police, and that the said Committee be directed to take measures to carry out the resolution.

On this question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Griscom and Hilles.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Dennis, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Hoffman, Hubbard, Lloyd, Martien, Newell, Powell, Pomeroy, Randall, Watt, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Balch, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dubree, Griscom, Green, Hacker, Hilles, Hassinger, Mercer, Matthews, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 18; nays, 19.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hacker offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to return "an ordinance, entitled an Ordinance to make an appropriation for purposes therein mentioned," passed Dec. 7th, 1854.

Which was read twice and passed.

Mr. Hacker

Moved a re-consideration of the vote, by which the Bill entitled, "an Ordinance to make an appropriation for purposes therein mentioned, passed Dec. 7, 1854, was adopted.

And on the motion being agreed to, moved to amend the Bill by striking out the second section, and insert the following:—

"Warrants for the payment of the said appropriations, shall be drawn by the Chief Commissioner of Highways, in the form and with the requisites set forth in the Ordinance establishing the Departments of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City."

Mr. Boswell

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the Bill with the amendment, be postponed and referred to the Committee on Gas.

Which was not agreed to.

The amendment was again read and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Martien

Moved that Council do now take a recess of 30 minutes.

Which was agreed to.

At the expiration of that time again assembled; and there being less than a quorum of members present,

Mr. Boswell

Moved that we do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Abbey and Dennis.

And being ordered were as follows:—

YEAS—Messrs. Boswell, Dunk, Dennis, Dougherty, Hubbard, Powell.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Binder, Butcher, Davenport, Dubree, Gibson, Griscom, Hacker, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Verree, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 6; nays 27.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Newell

Moved a call of the House.

When the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Griscom, Hacker, Hubbard, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Powell, Pomeroy, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Verree, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.—33.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was then sent in search of the absentees; and returned in a short time with the information that none could be found.

Mr. Randall

Moved that we do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Randall and Wagner.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Binder, Butcher, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Griscom, Hacker, Martien, Matthews, Newell, Randall, Stuart, Shuster, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Boswell, Gibson, Hubbard, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, Norton, Powell, Pomeroy, Roberts, Watt.

Yeas 19; nays 14.

Which was agreed to.

And Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 28, 1854.

Council met—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Austin,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bumm,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Cowell,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Green,
Gratz,
Graeff,
Hoffman,
Harper,
Horn,
Hacker,

Messrs. Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Laws,
Lloyd,
Larzalere,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Magarge,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Pomeroy,
Parham,
Painter,
Preston,
Read,
Randall,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Scheetz,
Shuster,
Stallman,
Taylor,
Verree,
Watt,
Wagner.
Diehl, *President.*

Mr. Martien

Moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Giller

Presented a communication from John D. Hardy, asking that gas lamps may be placed in Monroe (formerly Plum) Street, between Fourth and Fifth Streets.

Mr. Pomeroy

One from T. Mulford and C. E. Blunner & Co., asking that gas may be introduced into their stores, No. 2 South Water and No. 3 South Front Streets.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Gibson

One from John Hanly, asking to have remitted back to him the sum of \$13.20, paid for the laying of water pipe in the late District of Southwark, said pipe *having never* been laid.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Hilles

One from John C. Cresson, Engineer Philadelphia Gas Works, relative to the appointment of suitable persons to collect the bills due for gas in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Gray, (in place,)

Presented a bill entitled "An Ordinance for the appointment of ten Vaccine Physicians for the City of Philadelphia."

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Health.

Select Council informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That \$1,500 be transferred from item "Real Estate, inside painting," to item "Real Estate, general repairs," in the appropriation made for the use of the Girard Estate, approved Sept. 28, 1854.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Moran

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of disposing of the business from Select Council now on the desk of the President.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed a bill entitled "An Ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the City Commissioners,' passed Dec. 14th, 1854."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first section was not agreed to.

So Common Council non-concurred.

Also,

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be requested to report to Councils, on or before the first regular meeting in January next, the rate of taxation for the year 1855.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolution relative to the Standing Committees of Councils.

Resolved, That five members shall constitute a quorum in meetings for the transaction of business in the Joint Standing Committees of Councils : *Provided*, That not less than two members from each Chamber be present thereat ; and, *Provided further*, That the signatures of seven members shall be necessary to introduce a report, unless special leave be granted.

Which was read twice and passed.

The title was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Clerks of Councils be requested to serve the Head of each Department with a printed copy of the proceedings of each meeting of Councils.

Which was read and not agreed to.

Also, the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, It would be highly useful and important, both to the citizens and the municipal government of the recently enlarged City of Philadelphia, to have a correct enumeration of the inhabitants, with a statistical account of the property, and of the commercial, manufacturing, and other industrial interests of the City : Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Surveys and Regulations be instructed to prepare and report a plan for taking, within the year 1855, a general and complete census of the City of Philadelphia, embracing a full statement of the various properties, arts, and industrial occupations of the citizens, the public and private institutions, &c., illustrative of our present condition and resources, with the probable cost of taking, collating, and publishing the same.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had passed a Bill entitled "An Ordinance providing for the repayment of overpaid Taxes."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolution relative to the election of Directors of the North Pennsylvania Railroad.

Resolved, That this Chamber will meet Common Council in convention at the first stated meeting in January next, for the purpose of electing two Directors of the North Pennsylvania Railroad.

Which was read twice and passed.

The title was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they have had under consideration the resolution relative to the Mayor contracting for a Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph.

And have amended the same as follows :

Resolved, That the Mayor be authorized to receive plans and proposals, under the supervision of the Committee

on Trusts and Fire Department, for the erection or construction of a Police and Fire Telegraph, and submit the same to Councils.

Mr. Martien

Moved to amend, by striking out all after the word "Resolved," and insert the following:

"That the Mayor and Committees on Police and Trusts and Fire Department be authorized to contract with Purdy & Phillips for the construction of a Fire Alarm Telegraph on the American or Boston plan, and a Police Telegraph such as is now in use in New York; provided, the cost of both shall not exceed the sum of \$56,000, and subject to the approval of Councils."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Martien and Balch.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Address, Berry, Balch, Cowell, Cresswell, Eastwick, Gray, Griscom, Gratz, Hacker, Laws, Moran, Martien, Magarge, Pomeroy, Shuster, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Bishop, Eumm, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Gillingham, Green, Graeff, Hoffman, Harper, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Matthews, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Painter, Preston, Read, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Schectz, Stallman, Taylor, Verree, Watt.

Yeas 18; nays 42.

Which was not agreed to.

The resolution was again read and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That Councils will meet in convention at their first stated meeting in January, for the purpose of

electing three Directors of the North Western Railroad Company.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That Abraham Myers, Superintendent of Gas, in the late District of Spring Garden, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered, under the supervision of the Committee on Gas, to make such necessary arrangements and appointments as will be best calculated to carry out the provisions of the Ordinance passed by Councils, December 17, 1854, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for lighting the Public Lamps."

Mr. Boswell

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the resolution be postponed until the next stated meeting.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of City Property be requested to transfer the Market Houses, at Broad and Race Streets, to Department of Markets, and that the Committee on Markets be requested to report to Councils at their earliest convenience, a Tariff of Prices for the Stalls in said Markets ; and, also, the time when they would recommend the removal of the Market Sheds in Market Street, west of Broad Street.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the room in the City Hall, formerly occupied by the City Commissioners, together with the Committee Room in the rear of the same, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the use of the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing of the City.

Mr. Laws

Moved to amend the same on the third and fourth lines, by striking out the words, "together with the Committee Room in the rear of the same."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Butcher and Hoffman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Balch, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Dougherty, Dubree, Giller, Gray, Gillingham, Gratz, Graeff, Harper, Horn, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Matthews, Norton, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Preston, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Stallman, Taylor, Verree, Watt.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Bishop, Butcher, Cowell, Davenport, Eastwick, Gibson, Griseom, Green, Hoffman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Moran, Magarge, O'Neil, Randall, Shuster, Wagner.

Yeas 35 ; nays 20.

Which was agreed to.

The resolution as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Hacker

Moved to reconsider the Resolution, suspending the rule, for the purpose of disposing of the business from Select Council, on the desk of the President.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Abbey

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of offering a Resolution.

And on the motion being agreed to, offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on receiving plans and proposals for a Fire and Police Telegraph, be and they are hereby required to report to Councils, at their second Stated Meeting in January next.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Hacker

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following Report:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to present the following Report, with an Ordinance attached, making an appropriation to pay the interest falling due by the City, on the 1st of January, and 1st of July, 1855; and also the amount of loans falling due on the 1st of Jan. and 1st of July, 1855.

WM. P. HACKER

Chairman.

Committee Room, Dec. 28th, 1854.

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on the funded debt of the City of Philadelphia, falling due on the first days of January and July, 1855; and to pay the principal monies of such debt as will fall due during the same year.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the Bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

The title was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Also, presented the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance Report,—That certain cer-

tificates of loan of some of the corporations, which are consolidated into the corporation of the City of Philadelphia, contain fractional parts of one hundred dollars; upon the surrender of such certificates, for the purpose of receiving new ones, as authorised by an Ordinance, approved August 7th, 1854, entitled, "An Ordinance to provide for the issue of certificates and debt of the City of Philadelphia," the fractional parts of one hundred dollars have been excluded from such new certificates. This has been rendered necessary by the requirements of the Consolidation Act, which provides that the new certificates of City debt, shall not be issued in sums of less than one hundred dollars. The Committee herewith present an Ordinance to make an appropriation for the redemption of such fractional parts of one hundred dollars. The fund from which they purpose to make this appropriation, is the accumulation of interest on the loans held by the late City Corporation for its sinking fund, which accrued previous to their cancellation, and remains uninvested.

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Dec. 28, 1854.

With a Bill annexed, entitled, "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to redeem fractional parts of certificates of City Debt."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the Bill annexed to the Report.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to, and the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report the following Bill, entitled, "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the department for supplying the City with water."

Respectfully yours,

W. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Dec. 26, 1854.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report the following bill, entitled "an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the City Commissioners for the purpose therein mentioned."

W. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Dec. 26th, 1854.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to offer the following resolution:

W. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Dec. 28, 1854.

Resolved, That Select and Common Council approve of Samuel Magarge and Addison Hines as securities for Albert G. Hines, License Clerk.

Also,

Paul J. Field and Joseph C. Barnard as securities of James Horner, Superintendent of Wharves and Landings.

The resolution was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance herewith present a bill to fix the rate and taxes for City and County purposes for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

The rate, on property, is identical with that of the present year, being 135 cents in the hundred dollars on the assessed value thereof, in the rural districts, with a deduction of eighteen cents from the rate on such as maintain their own poor, and 150 cents in the hundred dollars in other parts of the city.

It was the intention of the Committee to accompany the Ordinance presented with a full and detailed report upon the finances of the City, but their desire to fix the rate of taxation, in time to enable the tax-payers to pay their taxes at the earliest moment after the commencement of the year, in order to avail themselves of the largest deduction therefrom allowed by law, as well as to meet the demands on the Treasury, has constrained them to forego that intention, lest its execution would require a delay, which it was desirable to avoid.

Such a report will, however, shortly be made, certainly when the Committee present to Councils the appropriation bill.

In the meantime, they report to Councils the following account of the amount of the indebtedness of the City to be liquidated, and of the requirements of the various departments of the government for the public service in their charge, and an estimate of the means of the Corporation for these purposes :

Loans, and interest on loans, due in the year 1855, and notes overdue, . . .	\$1,330,228
For the care and maintenance of the poor, . . .	205,882
Expenses of the County Prison, . . .	71,871
Public health,	35,945
Public Schools,	456,863
Department for supplying the City with water,	229,000
Expense of lighting the City and of Gas Works,	200,000
Expense of the Police and the Department,	505,540
Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing,	743,150
County purposes,	150,000
Fire Department,	35,000
Department of Law,	15,620
Departments of City Treasurer, City Controller, and Receiver of Taxes,	43,225
Department of Markets,	13,000
Wharves and Landings,	5,000
City Property,	25,000
Surveyors,	20,000
Expenses of the Iceboat,	7,500
Expenses of Councils, salaries of officers, printing Journals, &c., &c., . . .	30,000
Amount for salaries of teachers of Public Schools for the last quarter of the present year, and wages of Police for December, 1854, . . .	200,000

Payment of appropriations made by the Legislature out of the County funds for the House of Refuge and the Union School, and for payment of expenses of convicts in the East- ern Penitentiary,	27,500
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Making an aggregate of, \$4,350,324

The estimated means of the Corporation are as follows :

Receipts for expenses of paving, &c., . .	227,000
Interest on stock in railroads and ground rents,	500,000
Water rents and for laying water pipes,	400,000
Market rents,	68,260
Rents of wharves and landings,	47,000
Fees, costs, &c., received by Guardians of Poor,	30,000
Fees, costs, &c., received by Board of Health,	30,000
Rents for other property, wharves and landings, . .	27,000
Arrears of taxes of 1853 and previous years,	250,000
Arrears of taxes of 1854, . .	500,000
Amount of liens for paving, &c.,	150,000
Miscellaneous receipts from permits, li- censes, &c.,	100,000

Amounting to \$2,329,260

Which leaves a deficiency to be provided for, by taxation, of two millions of dollars.

The rate of taxation proposed in the Ordinance presented, will produce the sum of 2,023,000 dollars.

The figures above presented are approximations to conclusions, except in the instances of actual liabilities. The amounts reported by the Departments may be reduced by the Committee, but no such deduction can operate to such an extent as to justify any abatement in the proposed rate of taxation.

W. P. HACKER, *Chairman*.

With a bill annexed, entitled "an Ordinance to levy and fix the rate of taxes for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five."

Which was read, when

Mr. Verree

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed, and printed for the use of members.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel and Balch

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Conrad, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Graef, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Larzalere, Manuel, O'Neill, Painter, Preston, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Taylor, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Magarge, Norton, Newell, Read, Randall, Shuster, Stallman, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 19 ; nays 40.

Which was not agreed to.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first section being under consideration,

Mr. Verree

Moved to amend the same by striking out “\$1.17” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$1.00.”

Mr. Hacker

Moved that the further consideration of the bill be suspended for the purpose of offering a resolution.

And, on the motion being agreed to, offered the following:

Resolved, That the rule which requires this Council to adjourn at 7 o'clock be suspended on this occasion.

On this question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Norton and Hoffman.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Dunk, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Gillingham, Graeff, Hoffman, Hacker, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Norton, Pomeroy, Painter, Read Randall, Shuster, Stallman, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dennis, Dougherty, Eastwick, Griscom, Green, Gratz, Horn, Hoppel, Hilles, Larzalere, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Preston, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Taylor, Verree.

Yeas 28; nays 31.

Which was not agreed to.

Council then resumed the consideration of the bill to levy and fix the rate of taxes for the year 1855.

Mr. Giller

Moved the previous question, and was sustained in the call by the following members rising:

Messrs. Binder, Cresswell, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Hacker, Hoffman, Newell, Painter.

The question being shall the main question be now put,
The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel
and Hilles.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Laws, Lloyd, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Magarge, Newell, Pomeroy, Painter, Read, Randall, Stuart, Scheetz, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Berry, Butcher, Conrad, Dunk, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Green, Graeff, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Larzalere, Mercer, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Parham, Preston, Roberts, Shuster, Stallman, Taylor, Verree.

Yeas 34 ; nays 25.

Which was agreed to.

The main question being on agreeing to the amendment offered by Mr. Verree,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hilles and Balch.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Butcher, Conrad, Dunk, Dougherty, Dubree, Graeff, Hilles, Hassinger, Larzalere, O'Neill, Preston, Roberts, Stallman, Taylor, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Dennis, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Read, Randall, Stuart, Scheetz, Shuster, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 16 ; nays 42.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the section,

It was agreed to.

The second section was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time.

And on its final passage,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neil, and Hilles.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Parham, Read, Randall, Stuart, Scheetz, Shuster, Watt, Wagner, Diebi, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Butcher, Conrad, Dunk, Graeff, Hilles, Hassinger, Larzalere, O'Neill, Preston, Roberts, Stallman, Taylor, Verree.

Yeas 45 ; nays 13.

It was agreed to and the Bill passed.

Select Council concurred.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they are ready to meet in convention for the purpose of electing a Chief Engineer, and Surveyor, and twelve assistants.

Mr. Hoppel, (on leave granted,)

Presented a communication from the Philadelphia and Trenton Railroad Company, authorising J. B. De Haven to collect an allowance made, for Iron Pipe at the North-east corner of Front and Harrison Streets, Kensington, which had been overpaid by them.

The reading of which was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Hacker offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That Council do now proceed to the consideration of the Bill laid on the table last meeting, relative to the transfer of \$5000, in the appropriation to the Board of Health.

Mr. Balch

Moved to amend the same by striking out all after the word "Resolution" in the second line and insert in lieu thereof, the words, "from the Select Council relative to the Steam Fire Engines."

Mr. Laws

Moved an amendment to the amendment, by striking out all after the word "Resolved," and insert the following:

"That the Clerk be directed to inform Select Council, that we are now ready to meet them in convention for the purpose of electing a Chief Engineer, and Surveyor, and twelve assistants."

And after some time spent in the discussion of the same,
Mr. Gillingham

Moved the previous question, and was sustained in the call by the following members rising :

Messrs. Binder, Dennis, Gillingham, Hacker, Hoffman, Laws, Matthews, Newell, Painter, Read, and Stallman.

The question being, shall the main question be now put.

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Martien and Butcher.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Boswell, Cresswell, Dunk, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Green, Graeff, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hoppel, Laws, Mercer, Norton, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Stuart, Shuster, Stallman, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Balch, Butcher, Cowell, Conrad, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gratz, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Larzalere, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Read, Randall, Scheetz, Taylor.

Yeas 32; nays 25.

Which was agreed to.

The main question being on agreeing to the amendment to the amendment,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill and Newell.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Dunk, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Graeff, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Norton, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Stuart, Shuster, Stallman, Taylor, Watt, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Green, Gratz, Hilles, Hassinger, Larzalere, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Read, Randall, Scheetz, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 31; nays 25.

Which was agreed to.

The resolution as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Laws

Moved that the rule which requires this Chamber to adjourn at 7 o'clock be suspended on this occasion.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Martien and O'Neill.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Cowell, Dunk, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Gillingham, Graeff, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Moran, Norton, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Read, Stuart, Shuster, Stallman, Taylor, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Griscom, Green, Gratz, Hoppel, Hilles, Larzalere, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Randall, Scheetz, Verree, Wagner.

Yeas 32 ; nays 26.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Martien

Moved that this Council do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Martien and Norton.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Griscom, Green, Gratz, Hilles, Hassinger, Larzalere, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, Parham, Read, Scheetz, Verree, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bumm, Binder, Cowell, Dunk, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Gillingham, Graeff, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Norton, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Stuart, Shuster, Stallman, Taylor, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 25 ; nays 30.

Which was not agreed to.

The officers and members of Select Council were then introduced in Convention, and

After the President had stated the object thereof,

Mr. Gratz offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That these Councils recommend a postponement of election for officers under an Ordinance, entitled “An Ordinance to establish and organize the Department of City Surveyors and Regulators.”

When Mr. Roberts, (of Select Council,) rose to a point of order, and being stated, was as follows :

“That this convention can take no action on the Resolution, inasmuch as it contains the words, “these Councils.”

The Chair decided that the Resolution was in order.

Mr. Painter

Appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The question being, shall the decision be sustained, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel and Bumm, of Common Council, and being ordered were as follows :

Select Council.

YEAS—Messrs. Caldwell, Hague, Hinman, Hutchinson, N. L. Keyser, Marselis, Pratt, Sandgran, Stokes, Waterman.

Common Council.

YEAS—Messrs. Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Grove, Griscom, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Horn, Hacker, Hoppel, Hassinger, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Read, Randall, Shuster, Stallman, Taylor, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Select Council.

NAYS—Messrs. Bullock, Cornman, Jones, P. A. Keyser, Dr. Knorr, Roberts, Selby, Wm. S. Smith, Thomas.

Common Council.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Binder, Cowell, Dennis, Giller, Graeff, Hoffinan, Hilles, Laws, Norton, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Watt.

Yeas 50 ; nays 24.

Which was agreed to.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

Mr. Roberts, (of Select Council)

Moved that this convention do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Roberts and Bullock, of Select Council.

And being ordered, were as follows :

Select Council

YEAS—Messrs. Hague, Hinman, Hutchinson, Jones, Marselis, Pratt, Waterman.

Common Council.

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Grove, Griscom, Green, Gratz, Hassinger, Lloyd, Larzalere, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Read, Stallman, Taylor, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Select Council.

NAYS—Messrs. Bullock, Caldwell, Cornman, N. L. Keyser, P. A. Keyser, Kline, Knorr, Roberts, Sandgran, Selby, H. L. Smith, W. S. Smith, Stokes, Thomas, Verree, *President*.

Common Council—

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Cowell, Dunk, Demis, Giller, Gray, Gillingham, Graeff, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hoppel, Hilles, Laws, Mercer, Moran, Norton, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Randall, Stuart, Shuster, Watt.

Yeas 36 ; nays 44.

Which was not agreed to.

The resolution was again read, when

Mr. Diehl, (of Common Council,)

Moved to amend the same, in the first line, by striking out the words "these Councils," and insert in lieu thereof "this Convention."

Which was agreed to.

The question being on the resolution as amended,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Painter and Bumm, of Common Council.

And being ordered, were as follows :

Select Council.

YEAS—Messrs. Caldwell, Hague, Hinman, Hutchinson, Jones, N. L. Keyser, Marselis, Pratt, W. S. Smith, Stokes, Thomas, Waterman, Verree, *President*.

Common Council.

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Conrad, Dunk, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Grove, Griscom, Green, Gratz, Horn, Hassinger, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Magarge, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Read, Taylor, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Select Council.

NAYS—Messrs. Bullock, Cornman, P. A. Keyser, Kline, Knorr, H. L. Smith.

Common Council.

NAYS—Messrs. Address, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Cowell, Dennis, Giller, Gray, Graeff, Hoffman, Hacker, Hilles, Laws, Moran, Norton, Pomeroy, Painter, Stuart, Shuster, Stallman, Watt,

Yeas 44; nays 29.

Which was agreed to.

And the resolution passed.

The President and members of Select Council then retired to their Chamber, when

Mr. Gillingham

Moved that Council do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 4th, 1854.

Council met—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Austin,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bumm,
Boyle,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Cowell,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Crispin,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gay,
Green,
Gratz,

Messrs. Graeff,
Hoffinan,
Horn,
Hacker,
Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Laws,
Lloyd,
Larzalere,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Pomeroy,
Painter,
Preston,
Randall,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Shuster,
Watt,
Wagner.
Diehl, *President.*

Mr. Giller

Moved that the reading of the Journal of the last meeting be dispensed with.

And, on the motion being agreed to,

Presented a communication from Wm. B. Reed, Esq., District Attorney, calling the attention of Councils to the necessity of appropriating the room heretofore occupied by the County Board and Auditor, for the use of the District Attorney, Juries, &c.

Which was read, when

Mr. Giller offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the rooms indicated in the communication of the District Attorney, Wm. B. Reed, Esq., presented to Council, to wit: the room formerly occupied by the County Board, that of the County Auditors, and the private room heretofore occupied by the County Treasurer, be fitted up under the supervision of the Committee on City Property, for the use and occupancy of the Grand Jury, the witnesses attendant thereon, and the District Attorney.

Which was read.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend the same, by striking out the words "Committee on City Property," and insert in lieu thereof "City Commissioners."

Which was accepted.

Mr. Painter

Moved further to amend, by striking out the words "and the private room heretofore occupied by the County Treasurer."

On this question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel and Hubbard.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Butcher, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Dubree, Graeff, Laws, Larzalere, Moran, Matthews, Painter, Randall, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Crispin, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Griseom, Gay, Green, Gratz, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 14; nays 37.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Painter

Moved that the resolution be postponed till next stated meeting.

Which was not agreed to.

It was again read and passed.

Mr. Norton

Presented a communication from F. C. Brightly, Esq., asking payment for professional services rendered the late Districts of Spring Garden and Northern Liberties.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dougherty

Presented a petition from owners of property in the late District of Moyamensing, asking for a reduction in the price for the laying of gas pipe.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Gas, in conjunction with the City Solicitor, with power to act.

Mr. Binder

One from Thomas Gogerty, contractor of the Thompson Street Culvert, asking for an appropriation of \$5,000.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Green

One from the William Penn Hose Company, asking for an appropriation which was formerly allowed them by the Kensington Board of Commissioners, due the first instant.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a petition from a number of citizens, asking that the west side of Second Street, north of Germantown Road, may be used as a stand for furniture cars.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Gibson

A memorial remonstrating against the erection of a Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph.

Which was referred to the Special Committee having charge of that subject.

Mr. Hacker

Presented several bills of Vaccine Physicians, the reading of which was dispensed with and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hilles,

Several bills against the Frankford Gas Works.

Which were not read, but referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a petition from a number of citizens, asking for the introduction of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph.

Which was referred to the Special Committee having charge of that subject.

Mr. Horn

Presented several bills due the Kensington Gas Company.

The reading of which was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Laws

A petition from the National Rifle Company, asking for the use of a room in the Northern Liberty Hall for an armory.

Which was referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Wagner

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of offering a resolution.

And, on the motion being agreed to, offered the following:

Resolved, That this Chamber do now proceed to make nominations for two Directors of the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and three Directors of the North Western Railroad Company.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

For the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Mr. Hacker nominated Harry Conrad.

Mr. Horn nominated Robert Shoemaker.

Mr. Wagner nominated Wm. C. Ludwig.

Mr. Laws nominated Jacob A. Jones.

Mr. Gray nominated James C. Hand.

Mr. Newell nominated Stewart Newell.

Mr. Hubbard nominated John Hanna.

Mr. Hoffman nominated Robert V. Massey.

For the North Western Railroad Company.

Mr. Hacker nominated Clayton B. Lamb.

Mr. O'Neill nominated Robert S. Reed.

Mr. Pomeroy nominated John McCandless.

When the nominations closed.

Mr. Dennis

Moved that the regular order of business be further suspended, for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of the resolution, postponed at the last meeting, authorizing A. Myers to employ suitable persons to light the public lamps.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dennis and Green.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Boswell, Cowell, Corlies, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Giller, Grove, Gray, Gay, Green, Harper, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Matthews, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Preston, Shuster, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Binder, Cresswell, Conrad, Gibson, Hassinger, Larzalere, O'Neill, Painter.

Yeas 32 ; nays 8.

Which was agreed to and the resolution read ; when

Mr. Boswell

Moved to amend by adding the following proviso :

“ *Provided*, said appointments shall first be submitted to and be approved of by the Select Council.”

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Moved further to amend by adding the following :

“ *And provided further*, That the number of employees shall not exceed fifty, and their office not extend longer than the first of February next.”

And, after some time had been spent in the discussion of the same,

Mr. Gibson

Moved the previous question, and was sustained in the call by the following members rising :

Messrs. Butcher, Cresswell, Davenport, Eastwick, Gibson, Griscom, Hilles, Hubbard, Martien, Mercer.

The question being shall the main question be now put, it was agreed to.

The main question being on agreeing to the amendment offered by Mr. Boswell,

It was agreed to, and

The resolution as amended was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they are ready to meet in Convention, for the purpose of electing two Directors of the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and three Directors of the North Western Railroad Company.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a bill of Robert Craig, for repairing lamps and materials furnished for the same in the Nineteenth Ward.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President

Submitted a communication from the Trustees of the Northern Liberty Gas Works, containing a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year 1854; and asking that some provision may be made for a number of unpaid bills.

The reading of which was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Gas.

Also,

A communication from the United States Fire Company, tendering the free use and occupancy of their engine house, for a full and effectual trial of the "Steam Fire Engine" for the extinguishment of fires. And also offering their services as volunteers at the command of the City Councils to aid in effectually testing the same.

Which was read and referred to the special committee having charge of that subject.

Also,

A communication from the Board of Health, asking that an Ordinance may be passed, for the more certain and rigid enforcement of the health laws, and rules and regulations of the Board of Health.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Gratz

Presented a petition from property owners on Oxford street, between Ridge Road and Twenty-first street, asking that said street may be paved.

Also,

One of like import from property owners on Twenty-first street, between Ridge road and Columbia avenue.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways,&c,

Mr. Hacker,

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following report and bill annexed.

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill.

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 4, 1855.

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of the House of Refuge.”

On motion

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill, annexed to the report.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill.

W. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 4, 1855.

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the City Commissioners.”

On motion

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill annexed.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill.

W. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 4, 1855.

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the Guardians of the Poor.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill, annexed.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill.

W. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 4, 1855.

“An Ordinance making an appropriation to the Board of Health, for the purposes therein mentioned.”

On motion

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill annexed.

The first and only section was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Eastwick

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of the Preamble and Resolution from Select Council, relative to the Steam Fire Engines.

Which was agreed to.

Message

From Select Council informing this Council that they had passed the following Preamble and Resolution.

Whereas, Mr. Latta, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is building a Steam Fire Engine for the city of Boston, Mass., and will shortly pass through this city with the Engine, and it being important that our citizens should have an opportunity to witness the operation of the apparatus : therefore,

Resolved, That the Special Committee on Steam Fire Engines be and they are hereby authorized to invite Mr. Latta to afford an opportunity for the citizens of Philadelphia to witness a trial of said engine, and that the Committee make the necessary arrangements for so doing.

The resolution was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Laws

Moved that the regular order of business be further suspended, for the purpose of offering a Resolution.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Offered the following :

Resolved, That Select Council be informed that this Chamber is prepared to meet in convention for the purpose of electing three Directors of the North Western Railroad Company, and two Directors of the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

And one Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and twelve Assistant Surveyors.

Mr. Randall

Asked for a division of the question on the Resolution.

Which was granted.

The first division was agreed to, and on agreeing to the second division, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Laws and Andress.

And, being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Austin, Binder, Dougherty, Gray, Graeff, Hoffman, Laws, Moran, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Butcher, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gay, Green, Gratz, Horn, Hoppel, Hilles, Hasinger, Lloyd, Larzalere, Martien, Matthews, Newell, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 14; nays 36.

Which was not agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was read and passed.

Mr. Dennis,

From the Committee on Gas, presented the following report and bill annexed.

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Gas beg leave to submit the accompanying bill.

WM. H. DENNIS,

Committee Room, Jan. 4, 1855.

Chairman.

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the payment of certain claims therein mentioned.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill annexed to the report.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Hoffman,

From the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following :

To the Select and Common Council.

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill.

C. J. HOFFMAN,

Committee Room, Jan. 4, 1855.

Chairman.

“An Ordinance to provide for the granting of building permits.”

The reading of which was dispensed with, and ordered to be printed for the use of members.

Mr. Martien,

From the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Trusts, &c., report the annexed bill.

J. W. MARTIEN,

Committee Room, Jan. 4, 1855.

Chairman.

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts for the purposes therein mentioned.”

On motion

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill annexed.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Martien

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of offering a Resolution.

And on the motion being agreed to, offered the following :

Resolved, That the rule which requires this Council to adjourn at 7 o'clock be suspended on this occasion.

Mr. Randall

Moved to amend the same by striking out all after the word "Resolved," and insert the following :

"That when this Council adjourn they adjourn to meet on Tuesday next, at 4 o'clock, for the purpose of considering an Ordinance relating to the establishment of a sinking fund for the liquidation of the debt of the City of Philadelphia, and further for general purposes."

Mr. Hassinger

Moved an amendment to the amendment, by striking out "4" and insert in lieu thereof, "3."

Which was accepted.

And the Resolution as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Abbey

Moved that the rule which requires this Chamber to adjourn at 7 o'clock, be suspended on this occasion, and that no recess be taken.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hacker

Moved that the regular order of business be further suspended, for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of the bill, entitled "an Ordinance to provide for the issue of Certificates of Debt in payment of certain obligations."

But before the Chamber could take any action on the subject,

The officers and members of Select Council were introduced in convention.

And after the President had stated the object thereof,

Mr. Martien, (of Common Council)

Moved that we do now proceed to ballot for two Directors of the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Which was agreed to.

When 65 votes were cast.

Select Council :

Messrs. Cornman, Duffee, Hague, Hinman, Hutchinson, Jones, N. L. Keyser, P. A. Keyser, Pratt, Roberts, Sandgran, Selby, Thomas, Waterman, and Verree, *President*.

15 voted for Harry Conrad.

Common Council :

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Griscom, Graeff, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Laws, Moran, Martien, Norton, Newell, Painter, Roberts, and Diehl, *President*.

30 voted for Harry Conrad. Elected.

In all 45 votes.

Select Council :

Messrs. Caldwell, Cornman, Duffee, Hague, Hinman, Hutchinson, Jones, N. L. Keyser, P. A. Keyser, Kline, Marselis, Pratt, Roberts, Sandgran, Selby, Waterman, and Verree, *President*.

17 voted for Robert V. Massey.

Common Council :

Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Bunn, Butcher, Boswell, Cowell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Hoffman, Hassinger, Lloyd, Martien, Moran, O'Neill, Stuart, Shuster, and Diehl, *President*.

20 voted for Robert V. Massey.

In all 37 votes. Elected.

Select Council :

Messrs. Caldwell and Kline.

2 voted for Stewart Newell.

Common Council :

Messrs. Address, Boyle, Crispin, Dougherty, Dubree, Giller, Grove, Griscom, Gay, Hoffman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Lloyd, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Painter, and Roberts.

21 voted for Stewart Newell.

In all 23 votes.

Common Council :

Messrs. Austin, Boyle, Binder, Corlies, Crispin, Dougherty, Dubree, Graeff, Hacker, and Laws.

10 voted for Jacob A. Jones.

Select Council :

Messrs. Marselis and Thomas.

2 voted for James Magee.

Common Council :

Messrs. Cresswell and Hassinger.

2 voted for James Magee.

In all 4 votes.

Common Council:

Messrs. Butcher, Stuart, Shuster.

3 voted for Wm. C. Ludwig.

Common Council:

Messrs. Gay, Horn, Manuel.

3 voted for Robert Shoemaker.

Common Council:

Messrs. Corlies and Matthews.

2 voted for James C. Hand.

Common Council:

Mr. Gibson voted for Michael Day.

Whereupon Harry Conrad and Robert V. Massey were declared duly elected Directors of the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

On motion,

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for three Directors of the North Western Railroad Company.

When 68 votes were cast.

Select Council:

Messrs. Caldwell, Cornman, Duffee, Hagne, Hinman, Hutchinson, N. L. Keyser, P. A. Keyser, Kline, Knorr, Marselis, Pratt, Roberts, Sandgran, Selby, Thomas, Waterman, Verree, *President*.

18 voted for John McCandless.

Common Council:

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Griscom, Gay, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hilles, Hasinger, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Martien, Moran, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Wagner, and Diehl, *President*.

48 voted for John McCandless.

In all 66 votes. Elected.

Select Council :

Messrs. Caldwell, Cornman, Duffee, Hague, Hinman, Hutchinson, N. L. Keyser, P. A. Keyser, Knorr, Marselis, Pratt, Roberts, Selby, Thomas, Waterman, and Verree, *President*.

17 voted for Clayton B. Lamb.

Common Council :

Messrs. Abbey, Address, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Giller, Grove, Griscom, Gay, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Wagner, and Diehl, *President*.

47 voted for Clayton B. Lamb.

In all 64 votes. Elected.

Select Council :

Messrs. Caldwell, Duffee, Hague, Hinman, Hutchinson, N. L. Keyser, P. A. Keyser, Knorr, Pratt, Roberts, Selby, Thomas, Waterman, Verree, *President*.

14 voted for Robert S. Reed.

Common Council :

Messrs. Abbey, Address, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cowell, Creswell, Corlies, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Giller, Grove, Griscom, Gay, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Moran, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

46 voted for Robert S. Reed.

In all 60 votes. Elected.

Select Council :

Messrs. Cornman, Kline, Marselis and Sandgran.

4 voted for John Hanna.

Common Council :

Messrs. Conrad, Crispin, Gibson, Hubbard, Larzalere, Matthews, Randall.

7 voted for John Hanna.

In all 11 votes.

Select Council :

Mr. Kline voted for Andrew McBride.

Common Council :

Messrs. Gibson and Lloyd.

2 voted for Stewart Newell.

Whereupon John McCandless, Clayton B. Lamb and Robert S. Reed were declared duly elected Directors of the North Western Railroad Company.

Mr. P. A. Keyser, (of Select Council,)

Moved that this Convention do now rise.

Which was agreed to, and

The officers and members of Select Council retired to their Chamber.

Mr. Martien

Moved that we do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gibson and Hoffman.

The President

Stated that the hour of seven having arrived, the chamber would be adjourned under the rule unless the motion be negative by a two third vote.

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Crispin, Dubree, Grove, Griscom, Gay, Hubbard, Hoppel, Matthews, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Roberts, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Gibson, Giller, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Powell, Stuart, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 17 ; nays 26.

And there not being a two third vote against the motion,
Council adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 9, 1855.

Councils met—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Austin,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bumm,
Boyle,
Boswell,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,

Messrs. Gay,
Green,
Gratz,
Graeff,
Hoffman,
Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Laws,
Larzalere,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Manuel,
Norton,
Newell,
Parham,
Randall,
Shuster,
Taylor,
Verree,
Diehl, *President*.

The bill entitled “An Ordinance to provide a sinking fund for the redemption of the debt of the City of Philadelphia,” being the order of the day, on second reading,

Mr. Griscom offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the further consideration of this bill be postponed, and that it be referred back to the Committee on Finance, who are instructed to report a provision therein for the appointment of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and the proper security thereof.

And, after some time had been spent in the discussion of the same,

Mr. Boswell

Rose to a point of order, which being stated, was as follows:

“That the merits of a bill cannot be discussed on a motion to postpone.”

The point of order was sustained by the Chair.

The question being on the motion to postpone, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Randall and Mercer,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Boyle, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Griscom, Gay, Hubbard, Hassinger, Painter, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Boswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Hoffman, Hoppel, Hilles, Laws, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Parham, Randall, Shuster, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 15; nays 27.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Bumm

Moved a call of the house, and was sustained in the call.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Boyle, Boswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Hoffman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger,

Laws, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Parham, Randall, Shuster, Diehl, *President*—38.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was then ordered to close the doors, and permit no member to leave the Chamber without permission from the Chair.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved that Council do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch and Martien.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Boyle, Boswell, Cresswell, Corlies, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Griscom, Gay, Hoffman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Parham, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Hilles, Laws, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Randall, Shuster, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 16 ; nays 23.

Which was not agreed to.

Section first being under consideration,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Randall and Dennis.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Boswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Hoffman, Hoppel, Hilles, Laws, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Parham, Randall, Shuster, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyle, Corlies, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gay, Hubbard, Hassinger, Verree.

Yeas 30 ; nays 9.

Which was agreed to.

Section second being under consideration,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch and Martien.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Boswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Hoffman, Hoppel, Hilles, Laws, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Parham, Randall, Shuster, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Balch, Corlies, Dubree, Hubbard, Hassinger, Verree.

Yeas 29 ; nays 6.

Which was agreed to.

There being less than a quorum of members voting,
Mr. Balch

Moved a call of the house, and was sustained in the call.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Boyle, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Hoffman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Parham, Randall, Shuster, Verree, Diehl, *President*—41.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved that we do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dougherty and Balch.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Boyle, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gay, Hoffman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Manuel, Parham, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Hilles, Laws, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Norton, Newell, Randall, Shuster, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 17 ; nays 22.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Verree

Moved that Council do now take a recess of fifteen minutes.

Which was not agreed to.

Section third being under consideration,

Mr. Giller

Moved to amend the same on the second line, by striking out after the word "fund" to the word "in," and insert in lieu thereof, the words, "one per centum on the present amount of the funded debt of the Corporation."

Mr. Balch

Moved an amendment to the amendment, by striking out the entire section, and insert the following :

"SECTION 3. The City Treasurer shall quarterly carry to the credit of the sinking fund the sum of one quarter of one per cent on the principal of the then funded debt of the Corporation coming due in each succeeding year."

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Balch

Moved further to amend, by adding after the word "Corporation," the words "less the amount of the accumulation of the sinking fund."

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel and Hoffman,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Bumm, Cresswell, Corlies, Dougherty, Dubree, Griscom, Laws, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Bishop, Balch, Boswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Gillingham,

Gay, Green, Gratz, Hoffman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Mercer, Parham, Shuster.

Yeas 14; nays 22.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Verree

Moved that Council do now adjourn, and that the bill be made the special order of the day for next Thursday.

Which was not agreed to.

The question being, on agreeing to the section,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch and Randall.

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Boswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Gratz, Hoffman, Hoppel, Hilles, Laws, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Parham, Randall, Shuster, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Balch, Boyle, Cresswell, Corlies, Dougherty, Dubree, Gay, Hubbard, Hassinger, Verree.

Yeas 27; nays 10.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Offered the following, as the fourth section:

“The said Treasurer shall before entering upon the duties imposed upon him by this Ordinance, give bond with two or more sureties in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, for the faithful performance of the duties herein required, and shall also give such additional security from time to time as may be required by Councils.

It was agreed to.

Section fifth was agreed to.

Section sixth being under consideration,

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend the same at the end thereof, by adding the words, "and countersigned by the Controller."

It was agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section seventh being under consideration,

Mr. Balch

Moved to amend the same at the end thereof, by adding the following, "except such ordinances as relate to Trust Estates."

It was agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time, and

On its final passage the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel and Balch.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Boswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Hoffman, Hoppel, Hilles, Laws, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Parham, Randall, Shuster, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Balch, Cresswell, Corlies, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gay, Hubbard, Hassinger, Verree.

Yeas 29 ; nays 10.

It was agreed to, and the bill passed.

The following message was received from the Mayor :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, January 4, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—I have approved and signed the following Ordinances, viz :

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the City Commissioners for the purposes therein mentioned.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with Water.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to redeem fractional parts of certificates of City debt.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on the funded debt of the City of Philadelphia, falling due on the first days of January and July, 1855, and to pay the principal monies of such debt as will fall due during the same year.”

“An Ordinance to levy and fix the rate of Taxes for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five.”

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Martien

Moved that we now adjourn.

Which was agreed to, and

Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 11th, 1855.

Council met—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Austin,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bumm,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Cowell,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gay,
Green,
Gratz,
Graeff,
Hoffman,
Harper,

Messrs. Horn,
Hacker,
Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hilles,
Laws,
Lloyd,
Larzalere,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Magarge,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Powell,
Parham,
Painter,
Preston,
Read,
Randall,
Stuart,
Scheetz,
Shuster,
Stallman,
Watt,
Diehl, *President.*

Mr. Bumm

Moved that the reading of the Journal of last meeting be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Giller

Presented a communication from Benjamin Edgar, Lieutenant of Police of the Fourth Ward, calling the attention of Councils to the necessity of having a Lock-up House in said Ward.

Which was read, when

Mr. Dougherty offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Mayor in conjunction with the Committee on Police is hereby directed to rent a house to be rsetd as a Station House for the Police of the Fourth Ward, and to this end the Mayor is empowered to purchase the good will of any tenant or tenants that may be in possession, provided that the price paid therefor does not exceed two hundred dollars.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Norton

Moved that it be postponed, and referred to the Committee on Police.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dougherty and Newell.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hoppel, Laws, Larzalere, Mercer, Matthews. Magarge, Norton, Parham, Preston, Read, Diehl, *President*

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Dougherty, Dubree, Gay,

Hubbard, Hilles, Lloyd, Manuel, Newell, Painter, Scheetz, Stallman.

Yeas 32; nays 12.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Painter

Presented a petition from a number of Police Officers of the Sixth Ward, asking that they may be allowed their regular pay while absent from duty, caused by sickness or injuries received in the discharge of said duties.

Which was read, when

Mr. Painter offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, the Ordinances of this Corporation fix the salaries of the Mayor and Police Officers, which Ordinances are the laws regulating their pay without any reduction. Therefore,

Resolved, That we deprecate an order emanating from any source making a distinction between freemen, for we hold that the servants of the people are, whilst performing their duty, upon an equality, and no superior officer has the right to retain that which is due those under them.

Resolved, That the Police of the City of Philadelphia are entitled to their full pay whilst under the Police regulations, and when absent from duty in consequence of sickness superinduced in the faithful discharge of their duties.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolutions.

Mr. Boswell

Moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed, and referred to the Committee on Police.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Berry and Gray.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Address, Austin, Bishop, Bumm,

Binder, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Giller, Grove, Griscom, Gay, Green, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Magarge, Norton, Newell, Read, Stuart.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Butcher, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Gray, Hubbard, Hilles, Manuel, O'Neill, Parham, Painter, Preston, Scheetz.

Yeas 36 ; nays 14.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hacker

Presented a communication from John M. Coleman, Receiver of Taxes, asking for an appropriation of 14,503.08, for the payment of salaries, advertising, repairs, expenses, &c.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Larzalere

A petition from a number of property owners, asking or an appropriation of \$11,696, for the payment of damages in the opening of Spring Garden street, from Broad to Schuylkill Seventh street, and from Schuylkill Fifth to Nixon street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Bumm

A petition from property owners at the north-west corner of Queen and Palmer street, Eighteenth Ward, asking Councils to authorise the City Solicitor to enter satisfaction upon the record of a judgment against their property, the claim having been amicably adjusted and paid.

Which was read and referred to the City Solicitor.

Mr. Hacker

Presented a bill of Edgar Z. Steever, for plumbing, gas fixtures, repairs, &c., done at southeast corner of Sixth and Chestnut streets, amounting to \$206.35.

Which was read and referred to the City Commissioners.

Mr. Andress

Presented one for the payment of damages for the opening of Brown street, (Kensington,) for the sum of \$ 2,400.

Mr. Randall

One from Samuel Allen, Esq., High Sheriff, for official fees, in sundry cases for the late District of Spring Garden, amounting to \$95.00.

Also,

One of like import for the late District of Kensington, for the sum of \$465.12½.

The reading of which was dispensed with and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Gay

Presented a petition numerously signed, asking for the introduction of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, and the reorganization of the Fire Department.

Which was referred to the Joint Special Committee having charge of the subject.

Mr. Painter

A petition from Thomas Dunn, asking to be refunded the sum of \$13, paid for stalls in the Franklin street market, said stalls being occupied by other persons.

Which was referred to the Committee on Markets.

Mr. Hilles

Presented a bill of Huntsworth, Eakins & Co., for iron work done for the Frankford Gas Works, for the sum of \$56.87.

Mr. Matthews

One of Stimmel Lutz, for glass, repairs, &c, to lamps, from October 12th, 1854, to the 11th, inst.

Mr. Horn

One from the Richmond Gas Company for gas consumed in the month of December 1854, for the sum of \$246 60.

The reading of which was dispensed with and referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Randall

Presented a petition from a number of lamp-lighters recently discharged, asking that they may be restored to their office.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Matthews

Presented a communication from the Spring Garden Rifle Company, asking for the use of the Commissioners' Hall, Spring Garden, for an armory.

Which was referred to the Committee on City Property.

The President

Submitted a communication from J. Struthers & Son, relative to a block of marble for the Washington monument.

Which was read and referred to a Joint Special Committee of three from each chamber, and

Messrs. Hoppel, Gratz, and Bumm were appointed on behalf of Common Council.

Also,

A communication from R. W. Richie, M.D., soliciting the appointment of vaccine physician of the seventh ward.

Which was laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from John N. Henderson, City Controller, stating that, in accordance with the Ordinance prescribing his duties, he had commenced publishing a statement of the public accounts of the City, and of the trusts in their care, and requesting that Councils, in making the annual appropriations to the various Departments, may cause all warrants to be drawn by the Controller.

Also,

Submitting a statement of the account of the late Coroner Goldsmith.

Which was read and referred to the joint special committee of three to whom was referred his last communication

Also,

A communication from Eli K. Price, Esq., containing a copy of a bill (*Appendix No. 5*) entitled "A supplement to the Act consolidating the City of Philadelphia."

Which was read and referred to a joint special committee of five from each Chamber.

Messrs. Griscom, Giller, Randall, Grove, Andress.

Select Council concurred,

And appointed Messrs. Bullock, P. A. Keyser, Roberts, Cornman, Knorr.

Mr. Eastwick

Moved that the bill be printed for the use of members.

Which was agreed to.

The President

Submitted a communication from the Board of Controllers of Public Schools, asking Councils to authorise them to take the lot of ground on the corner of Venango and Wyoming Streets, West Philadelphia, on a ground rent of \$175 per annum, for the purpose of building a school-house thereon.

Also,

The lot of ground adjoining the Roxborough Grammar School, at a sum not exceeding \$200, in the Twenty-first Section.

Which was referred to the Committee on Schools.

Mr. Hacker

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill.

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 11, 1855.

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the Corporation.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill.

W. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 11, 1855.

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Controllers of Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill.

W. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 11, 1855.

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department for Supplying the City with Water.”

On motion

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Hacker, (on leave granted,)

Presented a communication from John Lindsay, Esq., City Treasurer, asking permission to employ such temporary aid, from time to time, as may be necessary to a prompt despatch of the business of his department.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance, with power to act.

Mr. Dennis,

From the Committee on Gas, presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Gas beg leave to submit the accompanying bill.

WM. H. DENNIS,
Chairman

Committee Room, Jan. 9, 1855.

“ An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Butcher,

From the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, making an appropriation to the Department of Highways, &c., to pay the expenses during the present month, the amount therein appropriated to form a part of the general appropriation for the year 1855.

THOS. TYSON BUTCHER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 11, 1855.

“ An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, for the purposes therein mentioned.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Gratz,

From the Committee on Police, presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Police beg leave to submit the accompanying bill.

EDWARD GRATZ,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 9, 1855.

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Police.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Martien,

From the Committee on Trusts, &c., presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Trusts, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill.

J. W. MARTIEN,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 11, 1855.

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Managers of the Wills’ Hospital, for the use of said Hospital for the year 1855.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Balch (as one of the Committee on Law)

Reported back to this Chamber the bill to organize the Department of the City Commissioners and defining the proceedings of the Board of Revision, without amendment, and moved to have the same printed for the use of members.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hacker

Moved that Council do now proceed to the consideration of the Ordinance authorizing a loan to the second instalment of the North-Western Railroad Company of \$75,000.

Which was agreed to.

The Clerk certified to the publishing of the same for four weeks in the Daily Sun and Pennsylvania Inquirer, and produced the same.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

Section fifth was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

On the final passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were called for.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Binder, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gay, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Magarge, Norton, Newell, Parham, Preston, Read, Stuart, Shuster, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Balch, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Dougherty, O'Neill, Powell, Painter.

Yeas 43 ; nays 8.

The Chair decided that by the Act of Consolidation it required two-thirds of all the members of Council to pass the bill—that is, 50 votes—and that the bill was lost.

Messrs. Bumm and Balch moved a reconsideration of the vote just taken.

Which was agreed to, and

On the final passage of the bill, the yeas and nays being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gay, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Painter, Preston, Read, Randall, Stuart, Shuster, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Boswell and Powell.

Yeas 50 ; nays 2.

Which was agreed to,

And the bill passed.

Mr. Hacker

Also moved that Council do now proceed to the consideration of the bill to provide for the issue of certificates of debt in payment of certain obligations.

Which was agreed to.

The Clerk certified to the publishing the same for four weeks in the Evening Bulletin and North American and United States Gazette, and produced the same.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Bumm offered the following amendment:

“*And provided further*, That no portion of said bonds shall be issued for or applied to the payment of the contracts for the construction of the Kensington culverts.

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the first section,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch and Hoffman.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Cresswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dubree, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gay, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Martien, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Painter, Preston, Read, Randall, Shuster, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Butcher and Boswell.

Yeas 43; nays 2.

Which was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to, when

The preamble was agreed to.

Mr. Hacker

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed until next meeting.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Moved that we do now proceed to the consideration of the bill from Select Council, making an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have concurred in the bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of the Guardians of the Poor," with the following amendments:

Increase the item "for supplies for the use of the Alms-house," \$738.48.

Increase the item "salaries, wages and stock for the manufactory," \$258.10.

Increase the item "relief in groceries and monies," in the item "expenses of out-door account," \$42.25.

Common Council concurred in the amendments.

The following message was received from the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, January 11th, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—I have approved and signed the following ordinances:

"An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of the House of Refuge."

"An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the City Commissioners."

"An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Health, for the purposes therein mentioned."

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Norton

Moved that we do now proceed to the consideration of the resolution from Select Council relative to the grading of streets.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following

Resolution Relative to Grading of Certain Streets.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be, and he is hereby instructed to ascertain, as soon as convenient, what streets it may be necessary to grade, preparatory to the spring improvements, and that he is hereby empowered to have the same or any part thereof graded, under the direction of the Committee on Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing of the Streets.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the notice of Mr. Bickley, contractor for cleansing the City, be called to the dirty condition of the streets, and that the Chief Commissioner of Highways be requested to call his immediate attention to the same.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Clerks of Councils be authorized to immediately notify Robert Ferguson, Superintendent of Gas, at Frankford, Twenty-third Ward, that his services are no longer needed and shall cease from date of said notification, and that he be notified to forthwith pay over all monies in his possession, collected for gas in said Ward, into the City Treasury; and that William N. Markel, appointed Collector of Gas in said Ward, be authorized to act as Superintendent of said Gas Works, until otherwise ordered by Councils.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informs that they have received a report of the Committee on City Property relative to the Hunting Park Course, and have adopted the following resolution :

Resolution Relative to the Hunting Park Course.

Resolved, That the Select and Common Councils do

consent to a conveyance to the City of Philadelphia of the estate situated on the Old York Road, known as the Hunting Park Course, by the owners thereof, in trust for the use of the public as a Park ; and the said Councils do hereby stipulate that the said Corporation accept of the said trust, and, further, that they will cause a wooden fence to be erected around the said premises ; and that they will enact ordinances to forbid, and will otherwise prevent the sale of liquor, or merchandise of whatever kind, within the said Park ; and that they will, within twelve months from the date of said conveyance, cause avenues and walks to be laid out and properly graded, the plan of which shall be approved by a committee to be appointed by the said owners ; and that they will also plant a suitable number and variety of trees, and keep the same with the grounds in good order.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informs that they have passed the following resolution.

Resolved, That the whole subject of the purchase of lots for markets be referred to a special committee of five from each Chamber, with instructions to report on or before the last stated meeting of this month.

And had appointed Messrs. Hutchinson, Knorr, Hague, Jones, Kline.

Common Council concurred,

And appointed Messrs. Newell, Bumm, Hoffman, Dunk, Graeff.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Surveys and Regulations be instructed to report such modifications of the Ordinance for the organization of that department, as may, on further consideration, be deemed expedient.

Which was read twice and agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the City Solicitor, under the supervision of the Committee on Law, be vested with discretionary power to settle all difficulties arising out of municipal claims of the late corporations, with liens or otherwise.

Which was read twice and passed.

Also,

Informs that they have amended the resolution from Common Council, relative to reporting a plan or system of railways, viz : add, at the end of the resolution, the words "and report whether the same is in their opinion expedient."

Which was agreed to, and

Mr. Balch

Offered the following to the end of the last amendment: "And report whether or not the City authorities have the necessary power."

Which was agreed to, and

The resolution as amended was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have concurred in the bill reorganizing the Fire Department with amendments.

Which were all concurred in, and

On motion of Mr. Giller,

Common Council further amended the bill in the eighth section, as follows: strike out all after the word "fire," in the sixth line, to the word "fires," in the eighth line, and insert the following :

"And it shall be the duty of the superior officer of the Police present, to co-operate with and under the direction of the Chief Engineer and assistants, in reference to all matters connected with the management of the conflagration; and to form a cordon around the fire ground, protect the Fire Department from intrusion or interruption, and to do all things necessary for the protection of the peace and of property."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Martien

Moved a call of the house, and was sustained in the call.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbey, Address, Austin, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Griscom, Gay, Green, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Powell, Parham, Read, Stuart, Shuster, Diehl, *President*—40.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be requested to have the lamps on the gate post at the southwest corner of Washington Square, lit and extinguished at the same time as the public lamps in that vicinity are lit and extinguished.

Which was read, when

Mr. Laws

Moved to amend, in the first line, by striking out the word " Police," and insert in lieu thereof " Gas."

Which was agreed to, and

The resolution as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Hoffman

Asked to be excused from serving on the Committee relative to the purchasing of market lots.

Which was granted,

And Mr. Bishop appointed in his stead.

The hour of seven having arrived, the Chair declared the Council adjourned, when

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Martien and Balch.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Austin, Bishop, Butcher, Boswell, Dennis, Dubree, Grove, Griscom, Gay, Green, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hilles, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Magarge, Powell, Parham, Stuart.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Cresswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Gibson, Giller, Hacker, Laws, Lloyd, Manuel, Norton, Dichl, *President*.

Yeas 22 ; nays 16.

Which was agreed to,

And Council adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 13th, 1855.

A special meeting was held this evening—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,	Messrs. Green,
Andress,	Hoffman,
Austin,	Hacker,
Berry,	Hubbard,
Bishop,	Hoppel,
Balch,	Mercer,
Bumm,	Martien,
Binder,	Matthews,
Butcher,	Magarge,
Cresswell,	Norton,
Conrad,	Newell,
Dunk,	Pomeroy,
Davenport,	Read,
Dennis,	Randall,
Dubree,	Roberts,
Gibson,	Stuart,
Giller,	Shuster,
Grove,	Taylor,
Gray,	Verrec,
Griscom,	Watt,
Gillingham,	Diehl, <i>President.</i>
Gay,	

Mr. Giller

Moved that Council do now proceed to the consideration of the bill, entitled “an Ordinance relating to Horses, Cows, Sheep, Goats and other animals running at large.

Which was agreed to.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Martien

Moved to amend the same on the fifth line, by adding after the word "any," the word "un."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Newell

Moved further to amend by adding at the end of the section the following:

"Provided this Ordinance shall not apply to any portion of the rural districts."

Which was subsequently withdrawn.

Mr. Hoppel

Moved further to amend on the second line, after the word "kind" by adding the word "deer."

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Stuart

Moved further to amend on the fourth line by striking out the words "at large," and insert in lieu thereof "astray."

Which was not agreed to.

The section was then agreed to.

Section second being under consideration,

Mr. Abbey

Moved to amend the same on the fifth line after the word "owner," by adding the words "or owners."

Which was agreed to.

Section as amended was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Balch offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a special committee of five from each chamber be appointed to communicate with the legislative authorities of this State, with a view of ascertaining whether the place of holding the meetings of said legislative body cannot be removed to the City of Philadelphia.

Which was agreed to, and

Messrs. Balch, Gibson, Eastwick, Verree, and Green, were appointed on behalf of Common Council.

The President

Submitted a communication from Isaac Hazlehurst, Esq., City Solicitor, stating that he had received information from Harrisburg that the Judiciary Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives have been requested to report a bill which shall vest the Commonwealth's title to Windmill Island, in the river Delaware, opposite the City of Philadelphia, in a private individual.

Which was read, when

Mr. Norton offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, This Council has received a communication from the City Solicitor giving information that the Judiciary Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives of this Commonwealth have been requested to report a bill which shall vest the Commonwealth's title to Windmill Island, in the river Delaware opposite the City of Philadelphia, in a private individual ; and whereas, should such title be so vested, its ownership might be exercised to the injury of the channel of the river. Therefore,

Resolved, That the City Solicitor or assistant, be requested to proceed to Harrisburg, and take such measures

as may be necessary to protect the interests of the City in the premises.

Which was read twice and passed.

Mr. Gibson offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The fiftieth section of the act of Consolidation makes it the duty of Councils to provide by Ordinance for the establishment and regulation of all the departments indicated by said act, and also authorises Councils through their proper Committees to maintain a supervision of each department for the correction of abuses. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Inspectors of the County Prison are hereby required to submit the accounts of their manufacturing department to the inspection of the City Controller that he may properly audit the same, and to this end he shall have power to require the production and inspect all books and papers, the attendance of witnesses, and examine them under oath or affirmation, and report the same to Councils at his earliest convenience; and no appropriation of any money shall be made by this body to the County Prison until the Inspectors shall submit their books to the Controller as required by this resolution.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Butcher

Moved to amend the same by striking out the word "Controller," and insert in lieu thereof, "Solicitor."

Which was not agreed to.

The resolution was then agreed to.

Mr. Dennis

Moved that we do now proceed to the consideration of the bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned."

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have concurred in the bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned," with an amendment, viz :

Amend the title by adding after the word "appropriation," the words "for lighting the City with gas and for other."

Common Council concurred in the amendment.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the consideration of the bill from Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to license and regulate pawnbrokers."

Mr. Giller

Moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed, and re-committed to the Committee on Law.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Balch offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Railroads be instructed to inquire, and report at next meeting, whether or not the North Pennsylvania Railroad is now prosecuting the construction of the same, or has stopped any portion thereof ; and if so, whether the salaries of officers and engineers have been reduced ; and, also, to report what number of officers, engineers, or other employees, are now in the employ of said company, together with the sums respectively paid them.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Dennis

Moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed, and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Randall and Balch.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Bunn, Dennis, Giller, Gray, Gillingham, Green, Hoffman, Martien, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Randall, Roberts.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dubree, Gibson, Grove, Griscom, Gay, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Mercer, Matthews, Magarge, Read, Shuster, Taylor, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 13 ; nays 28.

Which was not agreed to.

The resolution was then agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That Councils will meet in joint convention, at the first stated meeting in February next, for the purpose of electing three Directors of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Griscom

Moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed, and referred to the Committee on Railroads, in conjunction with the City Solicitor.

Which was not agreed to.

The resolution was then agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be requested to report an Ordinance, at their earliest convenience,

Councils, making an appropriation to pay the salaries of Police Magistrates, and also report the amount received from the Committing Magistrates, by the Treasurer, and from whom received.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Hoppel

Moved to amend the same by striking out the words "and from whom received," and insert in lieu thereof "and the amount received from each Committing Magistrate."

Which was agreed to.

The resolution as amended was agreed to.

Also, the following:

Resolved, That the Superintendents or Janitors of the Commissioners' Hall in the late Districts of Northern Liberties, of Richmond and Southwark, be notified by the Commissioner of City Property that their services are no longer required.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have concurred in the bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide a sinking fund for the redemption of the debt of the City of Philadelphia," with amendments, viz:

In section two, add after the word "fund," in the third line, the words "or to the payment of the funded debt of the said Corporation;" and strike out the words, in third and fourth lines, "and the income received from said ground-rents and mortgages shall be and is hereby in like manner appropriated;" also, strike out the word "but" in the fourth line; also, strike out, in the fifth and sixth lines, the words, "and the income from other estate than ground-rents and mortgages."

Also,

Strike out the fourth section.

Common Council non-concurred in the amendments to the second section, and concurred in the amendment striking out the fourth section.

Mr. Binder

Moved that Council do now proceed to the consideration of the bill from Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of expenses incurred in the carrying of pipes for the conveyance of water in and through the streets of the City."

Which was agreed to.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Mr. Martien

Moved that this Council do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Norton and Martien.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Butcher, Hoffman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Martien, Matthews, Magarge, Newell, Randall, Roberts, Shuster, Taylor.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Cresswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Hacker, Mercer, Norton, Pomeroy, Read, Stuart, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 13 ; nays 23.

Which was not agreed to.

There being less than a quorum of members voting,

Mr. Giller

Moved a call of the House, and was sustained in the call.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Bunn, Binder, Butcher, Cresswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Hoffman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Martien, Matthews, Magarge, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Read, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Taylor, Diehl, *President*.—36.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was then ordered to close the doors, and permit no member to leave the Chamber, without permission from the Chair.

There being less than a quorum present,

On motion,

Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 18, 1855.

Councils met—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Austin,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bunn,
Boyle,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Copeland,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Crispin,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Green,
Gratz,

Messrs. Graeff,
Hoffman,
Harper,
Horn,
Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Laws,
Larzalere,
Mercer,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Magarge,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Painter,
Preston,
Read,
Randall,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Sebeetz,
Shuster,
Stallman,
Taylor,
Verree,
Watt.

In the absence of the President,

On motion of Mr. Martien,

Mr. Giller was called to the chair.

Mr. Stuart

Moved that the reading of the Journal of last meeting be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill presented the following protest:

For the following reasons, I protest against all that was done at a meeting of Common Council held at 8 o'clock, P. M., on Saturday, 13th inst.

First.—The meeting was held in direct opposition to the will of a majority of members, expressed on several occasions.

Second.—There was no necessity for the meeting at a day and hour when nearly a majority could not attend, and was not called in accordance with the rules of this Council.

Third.—The holding of special meetings on short notice, and unreasonable hours, when members at a distance cannot possibly attend, affords a minority an opportunity to pass bills in direct opposition to the will of the majority. At the meeting of the 13th inst., there were but thirty-eight members present, making twenty a majority. Such proceedings have at least the appearance of being a fraud, and may in time lead to the grossest violations of the rights of the people. For, by such a course, nineteen members of this chamber, and seven of the Select, with the Mayor, can pass bills to the amount of millions of dollars.

C. B. F. O'NEILL.

Common Council Chamber.

Philada. January 18, 1855.

Which was read, when

Mr. Martien

Moved that it be laid on the table.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend, "that it be entered on the Journal."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Painter and O'Neill.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Berry, Boyle, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Crispin, Dunk, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Giller, Grove, Gay, Graeff, Harper, Hubbard, Hassinger, Laws, Larzalere, Mercer, Matthews, Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Taylor, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Davenport, Gibson, Green, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hoppel, Martien.

Yeas 38 ; nays 11.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Pomeroy

Presented a communication from B. Price, soliciting the appointment of Vaccine Physician.

Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Gillingham

Presented a communication from Wm. Nichuals, attorney for Hazael Thomas, notifying Councils that proceedings in a legal form will be commenced by the rightful owners, for the repossession of a certain lot or piece of ground, situated on the east side of Delaware Fifth street, between Market and Chestnut streets in the City of Philadelphia, it being the same lot or piece of ground devised by Stephen Sparks, to the society called the Seventh Day Baptists, for ever, for a burial ground.

Which was referred to the Committee on City Property, in conjunction with the City Solicitor.

Mr. Painter

Presented a communication from John Beatty and Son, asking payment for the curbing of Alleghany Avenue, in the late District of Richmond.

Mr. Eastwick

One from George Hollick and Adam Shetzline, commissioned under an act of Assembly, (*approved March 29th, 1850, P. L., Page 292,*) for surveys and laying out the streets in the late District of Passyunk.

Which were read and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a memorial from a large number of citizens, remonstrating against the introduction of a Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph.

Messrs. Laws and Crispin

Presented a petition from citizens, asking for the introduction of a Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, the immediate construction of two or more Steam Fire Engines, and the reorganization of the Fire Department.

Which were severally read and referred to the Joint Special Committee having charge of that subject.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from B. Bickerton, warden of the church of the Evangelist, asking that a lamp may be placed in front of their building, south Fifth street near Catherine.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Copeland

Presented a petition from a large number of citizens, in the western part of the city, asking that the sum of \$350 may be appropriated to the Warren Hose Company, to enable them to purchase hose, &c.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

One from Enoch Thorn, asking for an opportunity to explain his patent for an improvement in ventilating sewers, and if possible induce Councils to introduce it generally in

the sewers of the city, and also asking compensation for those already in successful operation.

Also,

From Wm. Lehman Schaffer, asking permission to put a trunk from the lot at the north-east corner of Green and Twenty-first, into the sewer along said Twenty-first street.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Horn

Presented a bill of Dr. C. Cole for six months salary as Vaccine Physician in the late District of Northern Liberties, for the sum of \$50.

Mr. Read,

Bill of Joseph Delavau, Coroner of the City of Philadelphia, for the month of December, 1854, amounting to \$440.72.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Norton (on leave granted)

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Treasurer hereafter shall not receive moneys in payment of bills for iron pipe laid, or street paving, footway-paving, curbing, filling or grading done in front of properties situate in any of the late Districts, which by the Act of Assembly entitled "A further supplement to an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the City of Philadelphia,' approved February second, A. D. eighteen-hundred and fifty-four, were made part of the City of Philadelphia, unless he shall have been previously informed by the City Solicitor or one of his assistants, either by endorsement on said bills, or otherwise, that no claims have been filed for record for the said bills: and further that said Treasurer shall, at the end of every week, furnish the said Solicitor a list and detailed statement of the municipal claims (such as above mentioned) received by him or the officers of his department during such week.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Abbey, (on leave granted)

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Mayor, under the superintendence of the Special Committee on Steam Fire Engines be, and they are hereby authorised and required to purchase from or contract as soon as possible with Mr. Latta, or some other competent manufacturer in Cincinnati, Ohio, for a Steam Fire Engine of the most approved construction, of such size and weight as they deem best adapted to our streets, at a price not exceeding ten thousand dollars, to be delivered here at as early a day as practicable.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Balch

Moved to amend the same by striking out all on the sixth and seventh lines, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

“With Mr. Latta of Cincinnati or some other competent mechanic in Philadelphia.”

Which was accepted.

Mr. Address

Moved further to amend, by striking out all after the word “resolved,” and insert the following :

“That the Mayor be authorized to receive plans and proposals, under the supervision of the Committee on Steam Fire Engines, for the construction of one Steam Fire Engine, and submit the same to Councils.”

Mr. Griscom

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the subject be postponed until next stated meeting.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Address and Newell.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Address, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Cope-

land, Corlies, Crispin, Davenport, Dougherty, Dubree, Giller, Grove, Griscom, Gay, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Harper, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Laws, Larzalere, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Painter, Read, Randall, Stuart, Scheetz, Stallman.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Balch, Boyle, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Eastwick, Gibson, Gillingham, Hoffman, Horn, Mercer, Magarge, Pomeroy, Preston, Roberts, Shuster, Taylor, Verree.

Yeas 37 ; nays 22.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gillingham (on leave granted)

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to inquire into and report to this Council, as to whether or not any of the Aldermen of this City have employed any of the members of the Police force, in serving civil process, or in other services inconsistent with their duties as Policemen.

Which was read twice and passed.

And Messrs. Gillingham, Abbey and Horn, appointed as that Committee.

Mr. Randall

Presented a bill of Jesper Harding for publishing, for the sum of \$100.00

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Gratz,

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following :

To the Select and Common Council.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled " An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the Department of the Receiver of Taxes."

WM. P. HACKER,
Committee Room, Jan. 18, 1855. Chairman.

Mr. Verree

Moved that Council do resolve itself into committee of the whole on the bill.

Which was agreed to,

Mr. Norton in the Chair.

And, after some time spent therein, the committee rose and reported the bill without amendments.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Griscom

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of going into the consideration of the resolution from Select Council, relative to the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Directors.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, a reasonable doubt exists in the minds of many citizens and members of Councils, as to the right of the City to exercise the privilege of voting for directors or managers of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company, at the annual election of the stockholders thereof, instead of electing three such directors or managers to represent the interests of the City in said Railroad Company. Therefore,

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be instructed to embrace the earliest opportunity to bring the question as to the right of the City to vote at the general election for directors or managers of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad

Company, before the Supreme Court, that the powers of Councils in the matter, under the law, may be clearly defined.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informs this Council that they have concurred in the preamble and resolution relative to Windmill Island.

Also,

Informs this Council that they have concurred in the amendment to the resolution requesting the Committee on Finance to report a bill making an appropriation to pay the salaries of Police Magistrates, &c.

Mr. Gratz,

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to offer the following resolution.

WM. P. HACKER,
Committee Room, Jan. 18, 1855. Chairman.

Resolved, That the Clerks of Select Council shall transcribe all joint resolutions originating in Select Council, and also all ordinances which properly belong to departments, the chairman of the committee on which belongs to that Chamber; and that the Clerks of Common Council shall, in like manner, transcribe all such resolutions and ordinances, as in the same manner properly belong to said Chamber.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appro-

priation to compensate Mrs. Catharine O'Callaghan for certain injuries done to her."

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 18, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Clerks of Councils, for the purposes therein mentioned."

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 18, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Martien

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of going into the consideration of the resolution from Select Council relative to meeting to-morrow afternoon.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gratz,

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City, to pay certain claims against the Corporation."

Committee Room, Jan. 18, 1855.

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an

appropriation to the Department for Supplying the City with Water."

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 18, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved a re-consideration of the vote by which the motion was lost to suspend the rules, for the purpose of going into the consideration of the resolution from Select Council, relative to meeting to-morrow afternoon.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Mr. Norton

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of going into the consideration of the resolution relative to meeting to-morrow afternoon.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That when Councils adjourn they will adjourn to meet to-morrow, the 19th instant, at 3 o'clock, P.M.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Gratz,

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following:
To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following resolution.

WM. P. HACKER,
Committee Room, Jan. 18, 1855. Chairman.

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be authorized and requested to enter satisfaction on the record of two mortgages, recorded in the office for recording deeds, &c., for the City and County of Philadelphia, one thereof in Mortgage Book G. W. C., No. 37, page 458, &c., and the other in Mortgage Book S. H., No. 23, page 258, &c. The said mortgages having been executed and delivered by Alfred Francis Ott Monroe to the Commissioners of the District of Spring Garden, as security for the faithful performance by Seth Smith of the duties of his office of Treasurer of the said District, for the years 1852 and 1853, and said Seth Smith having settled his accounts as such Treasurer.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the City Commissioners to pay the following claims against the Corporation."

WM. P. HACKER,
Committee Room, Jan. 18, 1855. Chairman.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Balch

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of going into the consideration of the bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the issue of certificates of debt, in payment of certain obligations."

Which was agreed to.

The bill being on the final passage, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Newell and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Address, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Boyle, Binder, Copeland, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Harper, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Laws, Larzalere, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Shuster, Taylor, Verree, Watt.

NAYS—Messrs. Butcher, Boswell, Crispin, Dougherty, Hassinger.

Yeas 52 ; nays 5.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Martien,

From the Committee on Trusts, &c., presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Trusts, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purposes therein mentioned."

J. W. MARTIEN,

Committee Room, Jan. 18, 1855.

Chairman.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Gay

Moved that we do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to, and

Council adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 19, 1855.

Council met, pursuant to adjournment, this afternoon at three o'clock.

Mr. Giller in the Chair.

Members present—

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Berry,
Balch,
Bumm,
Boyle,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Crispin,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,

Messrs. Gay,
Gratz,
Graeff,
Hoffman,
Hacker,
Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hassinger,
Larzalere,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Norton,
Newell,
Pomeroy,
Painter,
Randall,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Schcetz,
Watt,
Dichl, *President*.

Mr. Eastwick from the Committee on Surveys,

Presented a communication from Joseph Fox, asking for an appropriation of \$1,000, on account of the survey and regulation of the late District of West Philadelphia.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Dougherty,

From the Committee on Law, to whom was referred the bill entitled "An Ordinance to license and regulate pawn-brokers," reported back the same with amendments, and moved that Council do now proceed to the consideration of the bill.

Mr. Pomeroy

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed, for the purpose of going into the consideration of the bill providing for the payment of expenses in the laying of pipes for the conveyance of water through the streets of the City.

Which was not agreed to.

The motion of Mr. Dougherty was then agreed to.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Gibson

Moved to amend the same on the ninth line, by striking out the words "two hundred dollars," and insert in lieu thereof "one hundred dollars."

Mr. Eastwick

Moved an amendment to the amendment, by striking out the words "one hundred dollars," and insert "five hundred dollars."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dougherty and Balch.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Bumm, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Davenport, Eastwick, Gray, Gillingham, Graeff, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Larzalere, Pomeroy.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Berry, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Crispin, Dunk, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gay, Hassinger, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Norton, Painter, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Watt.

Yeas 15 ; nays 24.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Painter

Moved further to amend by striking out “one hundred dollars,” and insert “three hundred dollars.”

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Eastwick and Pomeroy.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bumm, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Davenport, Eastwick, Gray, Gillingham, Graeff, Hacker, Hubbard, Larzalere, Pomeroy, Painter.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Crispin, Dunk, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Gay, Hoppel, Hassinger, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Norton, Newell, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 16 ; nays 24.

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment offered by Mr. Gibson,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dougherty and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Binder, Dougherty, Gibson, Giller, Hoppel, Moran, Randall.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Balch, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Crispin, Dunk, Daven-

port, Dubree, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Graeff, Hacker, Hubbard, Hassinger, Larzalere, Martien, Matthews, Norton, Newell, Painter, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Watt, Diehl,
President.

Yeas 7 ; nays 31.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hoppel

Moved further to amend, in the eighth line, after the word "longer," by adding the following proviso :

Provided, That application for the said license shall be published in at least two newspapers, one month previous to the said license being granted.

Which was agreed to, and

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section second being under consideration,

Mr. Norton

Moved to amend the same in the third line, after the word "bond," by adding the words "to the City of Philadelphia."

Which was agreed to, and

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

Section fifth was agreed to.

Section sixth being under consideration,

Mr. Pomeroy

Moved to amend the same, in the eighth line, after the word "police," by adding the words "except policemen, who may inspect the same without such order."

Mr. Painter

Moved an amendment to the amendment, in the eighth

line, after the word "police," by adding the words "or Police Magistrate of any Ward."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gray and Randall.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Address, Berry, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Gillingham, Graeff, Hacker, Hubbard, Hassinger, Larzalere, Moran, Matthews, Pomeroy, Painter, Randall, Roberts, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Hoppel, Martien, Norton, Newell, Scheetz.

Yeas 28 ; nays 8.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Address

Moved further to amend in the eighth line, by striking out the word "or."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Pomeroy

Moved a call of the house, and was sustained in the call.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbey, Address, Berry, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Gratz, Graeff, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Larzalere, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Painter, Randall, Roberts, Scheetz, Diehl, *President*—38.

Mr. Gillingham

Moved that the names of the absentees be called.

And being ordered, were as follows :

Messrs. Austin, Bishop, Bumm, Boyle, Copeland, Cowell, Corlies, Dennis, Grove, Griscom, Green, Houseman, Hoffman,

Harper, Horn, Hilles, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Mammel, Magarge, O'Neill, Powell, Parham, Preston, Read, Rhoads, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Taylor, Verree, Watt, Wickersham, Wagner—36.

There being a quorum of members present,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was ordered to close the doors and permit no member to leave the Chamber, without permission from the Chair.

Section sixth was then agreed to.

Section seventh being under consideration,

Mr. Norton

Moved to amend the same in the second line, after the word "annum," by adding the words "and a like sum for all storage and insurance."

Mr. Newell

Moved an amendment to the amendment, in the second line, after the word "annum," by adding the words "and there shall not be charged more than five per cent. per month on the amount of the pledge for insurance and storage."

And, after some time had been spent in discussion of the same, on inquiry being made as to whether there was a quorum present,

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbey, Address, Berry, Balch, Boyle, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Gratz, Graeff, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Larzalere, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Painter, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Diehl, *President*—40.

The amendment to the amendment was not agreed to.

The amendment was agreed to, and

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section eighth being under consideration,

Mr. Randall

Moved to amend the same in the second line, after the word "months," by adding the words "except dry goods and clothing, which shall be kept three months."

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section ninth was agreed to.

Section tenth was agreed to.

Section eleventh being under consideration,

Mr. Crispin

Moved to amend the same by striking out all after the word "amount," in the fifth line, to the word "thereof," inclusive, in the seventh line, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "And one-half of all such penalties shall be for the use of the said Corporation, and the remaining half for the use of the informer."

Which was agreed to, and

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section twelfth was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and

On the final passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gray and Graeff.

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Hoffman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Larzallere, Moran, Martien, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Painter, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyle, Eastwick, Gray, Graeff.

Yeas 36; nays 4.

It was agreed to, and the bill passed.

Mr. Randall

From the Committee on Rooms, presented a report:

The Committee on preparing Rooms for the Meetings of Councils, beg leave to make the following Report, with an Ordinance attached, making an appropriation for the expenses of the same.

In making the repairs, the Committee and their architect found it necessary to make the alterations much more extended than was at first anticipated—so as to have the building safe and the accommodations such as it seemed, in their judgment, the Councils of the Consolidated City should occupy, when deliberating and legislating upon the interests of their constituents.

The Committee submit a statement of the bills, the originals of which (except those in the hands of the Controller) are hereto annexed.

SAMUEL J. RANDALL,

Chairman.

Philadelphia, January 18, 1855.

With a bill annexed, entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the payment of the expense of fitting up the centre portion of the State House building for the meeting of Councils.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill annexed to the report.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

The following message was received from the Mayor :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, January 18, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—I have approved and signed the following Ordinances, viz. :

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of the Guardians of the Poor.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department for Supplying the City with Water.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation for lighting the City with gas, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Police Department.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City, for the purposes therein mentioned.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Managers of Wills' Hospital, for the use of said Hospital for the year 1855.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Controllers of Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the payment of certain claims therein mentioned.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts for the purposes therein mentioned.”

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Hacker

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee of Highways in conjunction with the head of department for cleansing the City,

&c., be instructed to make such arrangements, with the parties now having in charge the cleansing of streets, &c., that Messrs. Smith, Seckel & Co., can have several squares in a central part of the City, set apart for a trial of their Patent Street Sweeping-machines," for the space of two weeks, that the members of Councils and the citizens generally, can form a proper estimate of the capacity, utility, and economy of said machines to cleanse the streets—it being understood that said trial is at their own cost.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Pomeroy offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee which has been appointed to confer with our Senators and Representatives at Harrisburg in relation to a supplement to the consolidation act, be directed to request such action by legislation as will reduce the number of members of Common Council to the number of two members from each Ward.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Griscom

Moved that Mr. Eastwick, Chairman of the Committee on Surveys, &c., be added to the Joint Special Committee on Mr. Price's supplement to the Consolidation Bill.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gillingham

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be, and he is hereby authorized under the supervision and approval of the Committee on Highways, to have constructed a culvert along the Cohocksink Creek, from Front street to Sixth street, of such capacity as will secure the necessary drainage of that neighborhood agreeably to such plans as are made or may be made applicable to such culvert.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Norton

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

On this question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gillingham and Norton.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Griscom, Hoffman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hassinger, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Norton, Newell, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Address, Balch, Boyle, Binder, Dubree, Gillingham, Gay, Hoppel, Larzalere, Pomeroy, Painter, Scheetz.

Yeas 29 ; nays 12.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Graeff

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That all the Clerks of both branches of Councils shall be in the Clerk's office from 9 o'clock, A. M., to 3 o'clock, P. M., to attend to their duties.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution, the question being on agreeing to the same.

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Moran and Boyle.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS — Messrs. Address, Berry, Boswell, Crispin, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Graeff, Hoffman, Hacker, Hubbard, Larzalere, Moran, Matthews, Painter, Scheetz.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Balch, Boyle, Binder, Butcher, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Giller, Griscom, Hop-

pel, Hassinger, Martien, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 20 ; nays 21.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Randall

Asked to be excused from serving on the Committee, to whom was referred the supplement to the Consolidation Bill.

Which was granted, and

Mr. Moran appointed in his stead.

Mr. Hoppel

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the laborers employed on the highways shall hereafter receive as compensation per day, the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents, and those having horses and carts employed by this Corporation the sum of two dollars and fifty cents per day.

The question being on agreeing to the second reading of the resolution,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel and Gibson.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Boyle, Boswell, Conrad, Crispin, Dougherty, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Griseom, Gillingham, Gay, Hoppel, Hassinger, Larzalere, Moran, Matthews, Norton, Pomeroy, Painter, Randall, Stuart, Scheetz, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Balch, Binder, Butcher Cresswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Hoffman, Hubbard, Martien, Newell, Roberts.

Yeas 26 ; nays 13.

Which was agreed to, and

The resolution again read ; when

Mr. Andress

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

And after some time had been spent in the discussion of this question,

Mr. Gillingham

Moved that we do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to, and

Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 25th, 1855.

Council met—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,

Andress,

Austin,

Berry,

Bishop,

Balch,

Bunn,

Binder,

Butcher,

Boswell,

Copeland,

Cresswell,

Conrad,

Corlies,

Dunk,

Davenport,

Dennis,

Dougherty,

Dubree,

Eastwick,

Gibson,

Giller,

Grove,

Gray,

Griscom,

Gillingham,

Gay,

Green,

Gratz,

Graeff,

Houseman,

Harper,

Messrs. Horn,

Hacker,

Hubbard,

Hoppel,

Hilles,

Hassinger,

Laws,

Larzalere,

Mercer,

Moran,

Martien,

Matthews,

Manuel,

Norton,

Newell,

O'Neill,

Powell,

Pomeroy,

Parham,

Painter,

Preston,

Read,

Randall,

Roberts,

Stuart,

Scheetz,

Shuster,

Smith,

Stallman,

Watt,

Diehl, *President.*

Mr. Larzalere

Moved that the reading of the Journal of last meeting be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Balch

Presented a communication from A. Owen Stille, M.D. of Ninth Ward, soliciting the appointment of Vaccine Physician.

Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Newell

Presented a communication from Englebert Mintzer, proposing to repair and cleanse the streets in the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Twentieth Wards.

Mr. Stallman

Presented a petition from property owners on Sharpnack Street, in the Twenty-second Ward, asking that said street may be graded, curbed and paved.

Mr. Graeff

Presented a petition from owners of property in the vicinity of Commerce Street, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that said street may be graded between Huntington and York Streets.

Mr. Norton

Presented a petition from Donahue and Storm, asking compensation for digging and grading the footways on Thompson Street.

Mr. Houseman

Presented a petition from David Wick, asking compensation for damages his property sustained, in consequence of the water running into his cellar, at the north-west corner of Front and Reed Streets, the inlet and culvert not being in proper order to convey the water off.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Norton

Presented a communication from A. Thompson, Esq., Attorney for David Shetzline and Wm. Shetzline, asking payment for damages in the opening of Walnut Street, Twenty-fourth Ward.

Also,

One from Wm. Drinkhouse, asking payment for damages in the opening of Dickinson Street, in the First Ward.

Also,

One from James H. Horn, Esq., Attorney for Seth Craig, asking payment for damages in the opening of Thompson Street, from Fifth to Sixth Streets.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Finance in conjunction with the City Solicitor.

Mr. Norton

Presented a petition from Wm. Leaf & Co., asking compensation for injuries done to a coach in passing a tree standing on the east side of Fifth Street, above Cherry.

Which was referred to the Committee on claims.

Also,

One from citizens and owners of property, on Fitzwater Street, west of Broad, asking that gas-pipes may be placed on said street.

Mr. Read

Presented a petition from residents and occupants of buildings in the vicinity of Franklin Place, in the Sixth Ward, asking that Gas Lamps may be placed on said street.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Smith

Presented several bills for the use of Station Houses in the Borough of Germantown, Twenty-second Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Hacker

Presented a petition from the Board of Managers of the Northern Home for Friendless Children, asking for an appropriation for the use of the expenses of said institution.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dunk

Presented a petition from the Franklin Hose Company, asking for their semi-annual appropriation of \$150.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Dougherty

Presented a communication from Samuel Josephs, Supervisor of Fourth Ward, offering the names of Samuel L. Coffin and John Daly as his sureties.

Which was referred to the City Solicitor, with power to act.

Mr. Giller (in place)

Asked leave to present a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to change the name of Shippen Street."

Which was read, and,

On motion,

The further reading and consideration of the same was postponed for the present.

Mr. Dunk

Presented a petition from citizens, asking that Bedford Street, between Broad and Fifteenth Street, may be graded.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

The President

Submitted a communication from John N. Henderson, City Controller, relative to a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the City, the sources from which the revenue is derived, and the manner the same has been disbursed.

Which was read, and laid on the table.

Also,

One from Mr. Colwell, calling attention of Councils to the improper manner in which the keeping of the public burial ground is conducted.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on City Property.

Also,

One from the Guardians of the Poor, asking for an appropriation for the estimated amount of expenses for the year 1855.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

One from the Hand-in-Hand Fire Company, approving the Ordinance recently passed by Council re-organizing the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia, and pledging themselves to sustain and rigidly adhere to all the requirements of said Ordinance.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also, the following :

OFFICE PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS, }
Jun. 25, 1855. }

JOHN H. DIEHL, Esq.,

President of Common Council.

SIR:—Agreeably to the directions of the several Ordinances relating to the Philadelphia Gas Works, I herewith transmit the twentieth Annual Report of the Trustees, with the usual accounts and the tables, and the report of the Engineer.

I am, very respectfully,

F. FRALEY,

President.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas, with instructions to have the same printed.

Mr. Hacker

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following report and bill annexed :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Department of the Receiver of Taxes for the year 1855."

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 25, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Law Department."

W. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 25, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Boswell

Moved to amend the same by striking out the item for miscellaneous expenses for the sum of "\$200."

Which was not agreed to.

Section first was then agreed to.

Section second was then agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Department of the City Treasury for the year 1855."

WM. P. HACKER,

Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 25, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the ac-

companying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the City Commissioners."

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 25, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Trustees of the Ice Boat."

W. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 25, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled " An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Police Department for the year 1855."

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 25, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled, " An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Controllers of Public Schools, of the First School District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of defraying the cost of maintaining and managing the Public Schools in the said district, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

W. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 25, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Randall

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed, and referred to the Committee on Schools with instructions to have the same printed for the use of members.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Smith

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of complying with the request of Select Council by returning the bill reorganizing the Fire Department, and,

On the motion being agreed to,

Moved that the Clerk be directed to have the same returned.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hacker,

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled " An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor for the year 1855."

WM. P. HACKER,

Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 25, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Mr. Randall

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed, and printed for the use of members.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Butcher and Dougherty.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Bishop, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Griscom, Houseman, Horn, Larzalere, Newell, Parham, Randall, Roberts, Scheetz, Stallman.

NAYS—Messrs. Balch, Bumm, Cresswell, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Read, Shuster, Smith, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 25 ; nays 25.

Which was not agreed to.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second being under consideration,

Mr. Boswell

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed, and printed for the use of members.

On this question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Larzalere and Hoppel.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Gray, Griscom, Graeff, Houseman, Horn, Hassinger, Laws, Larzalere, Parham, Preston, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Watt.

NAYS—Messrs. Balch, Bumm, Cresswell, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Harper, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Norton, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Read, Shuster, Stallman, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 30 ; nays 27.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hacker,

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following :

The Finance Committee, to whom, in connexion with the City Solicitor, was referred the securities offered by George M'Mahan, as Register of Water Department,

Report the following resolution :

Resolved, That Samuel M'Menamy and Wm. Elliott be approved as securities for George M'Mahan, as Register of the Water Department.

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 25, 1855.

The resolution was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be instructed to take immediate steps to collect the taxes yet remaining due and unpaid for the year 1853, and previous thereto.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Giller

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of going into the consideration of the amendments made by Select Council to the bill providing for the establishment of a sinking fund.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Copeland and O'Neill.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Boswell, Dennis, Dougherty, Giller, Gillingham, Gratz, Graeff, Horn, Hacker, Hoppel, Moran, Martien, Pomeroy, Preston, Read, Roberts, Shuster, Stallman, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Copeland, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Gay, Houseman, Hubbard, Hassinger,

Laws, Larzalere, Matthews, Manuel, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Stuart, Scheetz.

Yeas 20 ; nays 26.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Dennis

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of concurring in the resolution from Select Council, relative to the public lamps in the Twenty-second Ward.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dennis and Pomeroy.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Binder, Boswell, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Horn, Hassinger, Laws, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Read, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Bishop, Balch, Butcher, Copeland, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Eastwick, Gay, Hubbard, Hoppel, Larzalere, Moran, O'Neill, Parham, Scheetz.

Yeas 40 ; nays 16.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That Abraham Myers, Superintendent of the Spring Garden Gas Works, be and he is hereby directed to have the public lamps in the Twenty-second Ward examined, and to report their condition to the Councils.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Copeland,

From the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, for the purposes therein mentioned."

SAMUEL COPELAND,

Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 25, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance relating to Wagons, Carts, Drays and Barrows.

SAMUEL COPELAND,

Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 1, 1855.

The bill was read, and

On motion,

The further reading and consideration of the same was postponed, and ordered to be printed for the use of the members.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the construction of a Bridge at Franklin Avenue and Norris Street."

SAMUEL COPELAND,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 25, 1855.

Which was read, and

On motion

The further reading and consideration of the bill was postponed and ordered to be printed for the use of members.

Mr. Newell

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the police be instructed to light and extinguish the lamps in the market-houses, and watch the same. Also, the Chief Commissioners of Highways to have charge of the cleansing of market-houses.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Parham

From the Committee on Markets, presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Markets beg leave to submit the accompanying resolution.

ROBERT NEWELL,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Jan. 25, 1855.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Markets be allowed the use of a temporary Clerk for a period of three months at a salary not exceeding \$75 dollars per month.

On motion

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Gibson

Moved to amend the same on the third line by striking out "three" and insert in lieu thereof "two," and on the fifth line by striking out "\$75," and insert "\$50."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gibson and Houseman.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Corlies, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Grove, Gay, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Norton, Scheetz.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Berry, Bumm, Copeland, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Giller, Gratz, Hoppel, Laws, Larzallere, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Preston, Read, Randall, Stuart, Shuster, Stallman, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 21; nays 28.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Giller

Moved further to amend by striking out "three months" and insert in lieu thereof "two months."

Mr. Stuart

Moved an amendment to the amendment by striking out "two" and insert "one."

Which was not agreed to.

The amendment was agreed to, and

The resolution as amended was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Randall offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of \$300 be appropriated to John M. Riley, Clerk of Common Council, for his services

as Clerk to the different Committees originating in this Chamber, the said amount to be paid out of the appropriation made to Clerks of Councils.

Which was read twice and passed.

Mr. Larzalere offered the following :

Resolved, That the property owners on Wallace Street, between Seventeenth and Nineteenth Streets, be required to grade and curb their footways within sixty days.

Mr. Griscom

Moved to amend the same on the second line, by striking out the word "Nineteenth" and insert in lieu thereof "Twentieth."

Which was accepted, and

The resolution again read and passed.

Mr. Larzalere offered the following :

Resolved, That the property owners on Wallace Street, from Sixteenth to Seventeenth Streets, be required to curb and pave in front of their properties within sixty days.

Which was read twice and passed.

Mr. Pomeroy offered the following :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad be requested to furnish to Councils as early as convenient a statement of the affairs of that company to this date.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Griscom offered the following :

Resolved, That a Joint Special Committee of three members of each Council be appointed to confer with the City Solicitor with regard to the following resolution referred to him on the 18th of January 1855, viz : "That the City Solicitor be instructed to embrace the earliest opportunity to bring the question as to the right of the City to vote at the general election for directors or managers of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company before the Supreme Court, that the power of Councils in the matter under the law may

be clearly defined, "with power, if they deem it expedient, to procure legal advice on the question, in case the opinion of the Supreme Court cannot be obtained in time for the next election for the managers."

Which was read twice and passed, and

Messrs. Griscom, Balch and Eastwick, appointed on behalf of Common Council.

Select Council concurred.

Messrs. Thomas, H. L. Smith, Sandgran, were appointed on behalf of Select Council.

Mr. Gibson

Moved that Council do now go into the nomination and election of Trustees of the Gas Works.

Mr. Balch

Moved to amend, "that we do now go into the consideration of the amendments made by Select Council to the bill providing for the establishment of a sinking fund."

Which was not agreed to.

The motion of Mr. Gibson was then agreed to.

Mr. Pomeroy nominated Charles Gilpin.

Mr. Laws	"	E. E. Smith.
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Mr. Moran	"	Wm. G. Flanagan.
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Mr. Boswell	"	Frederick Fraley.
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Mr. Hubbard	"	John Manuel.
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Mr. Newell	"	James S. Smith.
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Mr. Matthews	"	A. H. Sheppard.
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Mr. Horn	"	George Mecke.
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Mr. Norton	"	Augustine R. Peale.
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When the nomination closed.

Council then proceeded to ballot for two trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works

When fifty-seven votes were cast on the first ballot.

John Manuel received 42 votes. Elected.

Wm. G. Flanagan " 26 "

Frederick Fraley received 22 votes.

E. E. Smith. “ 16 “

A. R. Peale “ 5 “

Charles Gilpin “ 4 “

Messrs. Andress, Berry, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Grove, Griscom, Gillingham, Gratz, Houseman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Laws, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Preston, Read, Roberts, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Watt, Diehl, *President*,

42, voted for John Manuel.

Messrs. Andress, Austin, Berry, Balch, Binder, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Gibson, Giller, Gillingham, Houseman, Horn, Hoppel, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Powell, Painter, Preston, Stuart, and Stallman,

26, voted for William G. Flanagan

Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Balch, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dennis, Eastwick, Giller, Grove, Gray, Gay, Gratz, Hilles, Hassinger, Parham, Read, Stuart, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Watt, and Diehl, *President*,

22, voted for Frederick Fraley.

Messrs. Abbey, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Dennis, Eastwick, Griscom, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Laws, Martien, Randall, Roberts, and Scheetz,

16, voted for E. E. Smith.

Messrs. Gray, Gay, Hassinger, Norton, and Randall,

5, voted for A. R. Peale.

Messrs. Dougherty, Dubree, O'Neill, and Pomeroy,

4, voted for Charles Gilpin.

There being but one person (John Manuel), having a majority of the votes cast, Council proceeded to the second ballot, when fifty-six votes were cast.

Wm. G. Flanagan received 30 votes. Elected.

Frederick Fraley “ 18 “

E. E. Smith “ 7 “

Messrs. Address, Austin, Berry, Binder, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Gillingham, Graeff, Horn, Hoppel, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Parham, Painter, Preston, Roberts, Stuart, Stallman, and Diehl, *President*.

30, voted for W. G. Flanagan.

Messrs. Abbey, Balch, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Eastwick, Grove, Gay, Green, Hacker, Hilles, Hassinger, Pomeroy, Read, Shuster, and Watt,

18, voted for Frederick Fraley.

Messrs. Bumm, Butcher, Griscom, Hubbard, Martien, Randall, and Scheetz,

7, voted for E. E. Smith.

Whereupon John Manuel and Wm. G. Flanagan were declared duly elected Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

Mr. Giller

Moved that Council do now proceed to the consideration of the amendments made by Select Council to the bill providing for the establishment of a sinking fund.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they insist in their amendments to the bill, entitled “An Ordinance to provide a Sinking Fund of the redemption of the debt of the City of Philadelphia with amendments.

Common Council concurred in the amendments.

The following message was received from the Mayor :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, January 25th, 1855. }

*To the President and Members of the Common Council of
the City of Philadelphia :*

GENTLEMEN :—I have approved and signed the following Ordinances, viz :

“ An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City,” &c.

“ An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the City Commissioners to pay the following claims against the Corporation.”

“ An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the payment of the expenses of fitting up the centre portion of the State House building for the meeting of Councils.”

“ An Ordinance to make an appropriation to compensate Mrs. Catharine O’Callaghan for injuries done to her by a buck.”

“ An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Clerks of Councils for the purposes therein mentioned.”

“ An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the Corporation.”

“ An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the Receiver of Taxes.”

“ An Ordinance to authorize a loan to pay the several instalments on the subscription to the capital stock of the Northwestern Railroad Company.”

“ An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts for the purposes therein mentioned.”

I have also approved and signed a “ Resolution adopted by Select and Common Councils, this eighteenth day of January, A.D., one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.”

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Binder

Moved that Council do now proceed to the consideration of the bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of expenses incurred in the laying of pipes for the conveyance of water in and through the streets of the city."

Which was agreed to.

The bill being on second reading,

Section second being under consideration,

Mr. Hoppel

Moved to amend the same on the first line by striking out the words "the Schuylkill."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gay

Moved further to amend by striking out the entire section, and substitute the following :

SECTION 2.—That no permit shall be issued, giving authority to attach to, or use water from the pipes in any street, without the production of a receipt for the payment of the amount assessed, for laying them in front of the property applied for—*Provided*, that if the applicant or applicants are willing to be qualified, (and the register of water is hereby authorized to take such qualification,) that the receipt is lost or cannot be obtained, and they have used reasonable exertions to find it, it shall be the duty of the Register to order the permit to be granted—unless he can show by the books of the late Municipal Corporations, or of the present City as consolidated, or by liens registered in Court, or by some other legal mode, that the assessment is not paid ; and in such case, one week shall be allowed the register, between the application for a permit and the granting of it ; which application shall be in writing, giving the location, street, number of the house, if any, and the precise metes and bounds of the property ; *And Provided*, that in all cases where liens for water-pipes are filed, and unpaid, at the time of application for a permit, the costs of searches for the liens in whatever court filed, shall be paid by the applicant for the permit.

Mr. Hoppel

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed, and printed for the use of members.

Which was not agreed to.

The amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Hassinger

Moved further to amend on the third line, after the word "assessment," by inserting the words, "or other satisfactory evidence for the payment thereof."

Which was agreed to, and

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council

Inform this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of City Property be directed to lease the property owned by the City at the corner of Race and Crown Streets ; also, the four houses on Crown above Race Street, for a term not exceeding twelve months from the first of April next.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Newell

Moved to amend the same on the second line after the word " directed," by adding the words " to inquire into the expediency."

Which was not agreed to.

The resolution was then agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Randall

Moved that we do now proceed to the consideration of the bill entitled "An Ordinance organizing the Department of City Commissioners, and defining the proceedings of the Board of Revision."

Which was agreed to.

The bill being on second reading,

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

Section fifth was agreed to.

Section sixth was agreed to.

Section seventh was agreed to.

Section eighth was agreed to.

Section ninth was agreed to.

Section tenth was agreed to.

Section eleventh was agreed to

Section twelfth was agreed to.

Section thirteenth was agreed to.

Section fourteenth being under consideration,

Mr. Moran

Moved to amend the same on the third line by striking out "\$1200," and insert in lieu thereof "\$2000."

Mr. Boswell

Moved an amendment to the amendment by striking out "\$2000," and insert "\$1000."

Which was not agreed to.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Boswell and Gillingham on the amendment of Mr. Moran.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Davenport, Gray, Graeff, Hubbard, Laws, Moran, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Read, Randall, Watt.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bumm, Binder, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gillingham, Gay, Houseman, Horn, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Martien, Matthews, Norton, Powell, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 13 ; nays 29.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Moran

Moved further to amend by striking out “\$1200,” and insert “\$1500.”

Mr. Painter

Moved an amendment to the amendment, by striking out “1500,” and insert “\$1800.”

Which was accepted.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Moran and Newell.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Berry, Davenport, Dougherty, Gillingham, Graeff, Hubbard, Laws, Moran, Manuel, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Read, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bumm, Binder, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gay, Houseman, Horn, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Martien, Matthews, Norton, Powell, Shuster.

Yeas 21 ; nays 24.

Which was not agreed to.

The hour of seven having arrived, and the yeas and nays being ordered on the question of adjournment, were as follows :

YEAS — Messrs. Andress, Austin, Boswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dubree, Gibson, Gray, Gay, Graeff, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Martien, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Randall, Roberts, Shuster, Watt.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bumm, Binder, Cresswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Giller, Gillingham, Houseman, Hassinger, Laws, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Read, Stuart, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 23 ; nays 22.

Which was agreed to.

Council adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 30, 1855.

A Special Meeting was held this afternoon—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Austin,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bumm,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Cowell,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Green,
Graeff,
Houseman,

Messrs. Hacker,
Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Laws,
Larzalere,
Mercer,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Pomeroy,
Parham,
Painter,
Read,
Randall,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Shuster,
Smith,
Verree,
Wagner,
Dichl, *President*.

The President submitted the following call :

To John H. Diehl, Esq. :

We, the undersigned members of Common Council, request you to call a Special Meeting of Common Council on Tuesday next, at 3 P. M., to finish the business on the President's desk, and for general purposes.

C. B. F. O'NEILL,
ANSON GRAY,
WILLIAM M. POWELL,
RICHARD M. BERRY,
PETER F. LAWS,
M. J. DOUGHERTY,
JOHN U. GILLER,
GEO. NORTON,
H. BUMM.

January 25, 1855.

J. M. Riley, Esq., Clerk of Common Council :

DEAR SIR,—Please call a meeting of Common Council, in accordance with the above request.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN H. DIEHL,
President of Common Council.

January 26, 1855.

Mr. Giller

Asked to be excused from serving on the Joint Special Committee, to whom was referred the Supplement to the Consolidation Bill.

Which was granted, and

Mr. Pomeroy appointed in his stead.

Council then resumed the consideration of the bill organizing the Department of City Commissioners, and defining the proceedings of the Board of Revision.

Section fourteenth being under consideration,

Mr. Roberts

Moved to amend the same on the third line, by striking out "\$1200," and insert in lieu thereof "\$1750."

Mr. Gibson

Moved an amendment to the amendment, by striking out \$1700," and insert "\$1500."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Boswell and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Bumm, Binder, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Dubree, Gibson, Gillingham, Hoppel, Norton, Stuart, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Butcher, Cowell, Davenport, Dougherty, Giller, Gray, Gay, Green, Houseman, Hubbard, Laws, Larzalere, Mercer, Matthews, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Read, Randall, Roberts, Shuster, Smith, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 15 ; nays 30.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gillingham

Moved further to amend, by striking out "\$1750" and insert "\$1400."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Smith and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS — Messrs. Bumm, Binder, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Eastwick, Gibson, Gillingham, Larzalere, Norton, Stuart, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Butcher, Cowell, Corlies, Davenport, Dougherty, Dubree, Giller, Gray, Gay, Green, Houseman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Laws, Mercer, Matthews, Manuel, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Read, Randall, Roberts, Shuster, Smith, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 13 ; nays 35.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Stuart

Moved further to amend, by striking out "\$1750" and insert "\$1600."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Stuart and Gillingham.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Balch, Bumm, Boswell, Corlies, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Gillingham, Hassinger, Norton, Stuart, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Binder, Butcher, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Giller, Gray, Gay, Green, Houseman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Larzalere, Mercer, Matthews, Manuel, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Read, Randall, Roberts, Shuster, Smith, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 13 ; nays 35.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Painter

Moved the previous question, and was sustained in the call by the following members rising :

Messrs. Berry, Cowell, Gay, Hubbard, Laws, Painter, Parham, Pomeroy, Read, and Smith.

The question being, shall the main question be now put,
It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Roberts for \$1750, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill and Smith.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Bishop, Balch, Butcher, Cowell, Corlies, Davenport, Dougherty, Dubree, Giller, Gray, Gay, Houseman, Hubbard, Laws, Manuel, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Read, Randall, Roberts, Smith, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Bumm, Binder, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Eastwick, Gibson, Griscom,

Gillingham, Green, Hoppel, Hassinger, Larzalere, Mercer, Matthews, Norton, Parham, Stuart, Shuster.

Yeas 26 ; nays 22.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Roberts

Moved further to amend on the fourth line, by striking out "\$1100" and insert "\$1200."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Pomeroy

Moved further to amend on the fifth line, by striking out "\$800" and insert in lieu thereof "\$1000."

Mr. Cresswell

Moved an amendment to the amendment by striking out "\$1000" and insert "\$700."

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Giller

Moved further to amend, by striking out "\$1000" and insert "\$900."

The question being on agreeing to the amendment offered by Mr. Giller, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Pomeroy and Hilles.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Boswell, Cowell, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Green, Houseman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Mercer, Martien, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Read, Roberts, Smith, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Bishop, Binder, Bumm, Butcher, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gillingham, Gay, Hilles, Hassinger, Larzalere, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Parham, Shuster, Verree.

Yeas 21 ; nays 24.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Smith

Moved further to amend, by striking out “\$800” and insert “\$875.”

Which was not agreed to.

A division of the question was then asked for on the salaries.

The third division was agreed to.

The fourth division was agreed to.

The fifth division was agreed to.

The sixth division was agreed to.

Mr. Painter

Moved a reconsideration of the vote on the third division.

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the section as amended, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Smith and Hilles.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cowell, Davenport, Dougherty, Dubree, Giller, Griscom, Gay, Green, Graeff, Houseman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Laws, Martien, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Parham, Painter, Read, Randall, Roberts, Smith, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Bumm, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Eastwick, Gibson, Gillingham, Hilles, Larzalere, Mercer, Matthews, Shuster.

Yeas 35 ; nays 12.

Which was agreed to.

Section fifteenth was agreed to.

Section sixteenth was agreed to.

Section seventeenth was agreed to.

Section eighteenth was agreed to.

Mr. Hoppel

Moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the first section was adopted.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Mr. Wagner

Moved to amend the same at the end thereof by adding the following proviso.

“Provided, That each precept so to be issued shall also contain instructions requiring the said assessors in all cases in making out and returning the list of real property, taxable and exempt, to return therewith the dimensions or number of feet front and depth of each property, and the number of acres, where such property is assessed by the acre.”

Which was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Parham

Moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the fourteenth section was agreed to.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Butcher and Martien.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Balch, Cowell, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Giller, Graeff, Houseman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Mercer, Manuel, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Read, Randall, Roberts, Smith, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Hilles, Hassinger, Larzalere, Martien, Matthews, Norton, Shuster, Verree.

Yeas 24 ; nays 24.

It was not agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Norton

Moved that we do now proceed to the consideration of the bill to license and regulate pawnbrokers.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Inform this Council that they had under consideration the bill to license and regulate pawnbrokers,—“and had concurred in the amendment of section first, in tenth line after the word Mayor, insert “Provided that application for the said license be published in at least two newspapers, one month previous to the said license being granted.”

With an amendment to wit: “strike out the words one month, and insert in lieu thereof, the words, “one week.”

Common Council concurred in the amendment.

Also,

Informed that they had non-concurred in the amendment to section sixth on the fourteenth line, after the word “Police” insert “or the Police Magistrate of any Ward,” and to strike out “or” after the word City.

Common Council receded from their amendment.

Also,

That they had amended the seventh section, on the third line, after per annum, by striking out the words, “like sum,” and insert in lieu thereof, the words “reasonable charges.”

Common Council concurred in the amendment.

Also,

That they had non-concurred in the amendment of Common Council, to the eleventh section, on the ninth line, to strike out the word “all” and substitute “one-half of,” and strike out the eleventh and twelfth lines, and substitute “the remaining half for the use of the informer.”

Common Council receded from their amendment.

Mr. Norton

Moved further to amend the seventh section, on the third line, after the word "insurance," by adding the words "not exceeding two per cent. per month on the sum loaned."

Mr. Balch

Moved that the whole subject be laid on the table.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch and Gray.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Bumm, Cresswell, Eastwick, Gray, Griscom, Gay, Hubbard, Hilles, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Bishop, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Green, Houseman, Hoppel, Hassinger, Larzalere, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Painter, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Smith.

Yeas 12; nays 31.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved an amendment to the amendment, by striking out the words "two per cent." and insert in lieu thereof, "three per cent."

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Abbey

Moved further to amend by striking out "two per cent." and insert "one per cent."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dougherty and Norton.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Corlies, Davenport, Dubree, Eastwick, Gray, Griscom, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Lar-

zalere, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Roberts, Smith, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Bishop, Dougherty, Gibson, Giller, Green, Houseman, Hoppel, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Painter, Read, Randall, Stuart, Shuster, Wagner.

Yeas 25 ; nays 18.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Stuart

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gray and Newell.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Eastwick, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Hubbard, Laws, Roberts, Stuart, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Bishop, Binder, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Green, Houseman, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Larzalere, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Painter, Read, Randall, Shuster, Smith.

Yeas 14 ; nays 30.

Which was not agreed to.

The Section as amended was then agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed a bill entitled "An Ordinance relating to the Clerks and Messengers of Councils."

Which was read, when

Mr. Griscom

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed, and printed for the use of members.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of City Property be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$100, in the payment of a temporary clerk to be employed in his office.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following:

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of City Property, under the supervision of the Committee on City Property, cause Jefferson Square in the Second Ward to be properly laid out, and the necessary trees planted; also appoint a suitable person to take charge of the same.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following:

Resolved, That the Solicitor be requested to report the present position of the legal proceedings that have been instituted for the opening of Wharf street, southward of its terminus, at Davis' landing in the late District of Southwark.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Balch (on leave granted),

Offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Committee on Claims be directed to inquire and report forthwith whether or not any of the bills for printing have been paid without being incurred by proper authority.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution, for the examining of expenditures by Committees and Clerks of Councils:

Resolved, That all bills of expenditures made for Committees of Councils, other than that of the Girard Estates, shall be certified by the respective Chairmen thereof, and all bills of expenditures made by the Clerks of Councils in virtue of any authority vested in them by Councils, shall be certified by the Clerk making such expenditures, and the bills so certified shall be transmitted to the Committee on Finance for approval previous to being passed by the Controller.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend the same by striking out the word "Finance," and insert in lieu thereof the word "Law."

Which was not agreed to.

The resolution was then agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Markets be requested to prepare an Ordinance, establishing a market-stand in the Twenty-second Ward, and to report the same at the next stated meeting of Councils.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following:

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways is hereby requested to submit all plans and proposals in his possession for building a bridge over the river Schuylkill at Chestnut Street.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be instructed to inquire into and report on the propriety and expediency of renting Lemon Hill Estate, on a long lease, and at a nominal rate, to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, under such restrictions and requirements as may be deemed advisable, and that they be authorized to confer with any committee that may be appointed for that purpose by said society.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Martien

Moved to amend the same on the fifth line by striking out the word " long."

Which was agreed to.

The resolution was not agreed to.

So Common Council non-concurred.

Mr. Pomeroy (on leave granted)

Presented a bill of Robert Clark, jr., for lumber furnished the late Board of Commissioners of Moyamensing, amounting to the sum of \$16.16.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. O'Neill (on leave granted)

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Surveyor of the late District of Spring Garden be, and he is hereby directed to survey the property known as Lemon Hill Estate, and to furnish the City Solicitor with such description of the property as to enable him to draft a suitable Ordinance dedicating said property to public use as a park, in accordance with a resolution of Councils heretofore passed.

Which was read twice and passed.

Mr. Smith (on leave granted)

Offered the following:

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department (upon the Ordinance regulating the Fire Department becoming a law), enclose a copy of the same to each Fire Company in the City, with such instructions in reference to the same as the Committee may deem expedient.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be instructed to report a statement of the annual rental of all the city property, specifying that occupied by the several departments.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had non-concurred in the amendment to the resolution, relative to the lighting the lamps on certain gate-posts.

Common Council then recessed from their amendment.

Also,

Informed that they had concurred in the amendment made by Common Council relative to the report of a plan of system of railways. (*See Journal, page 140.*)

Also,

Informed that they had received the communication from J. Struthers & Son, which had been referred by Common Council to a joint special committee of three from each chamber, and had referred the same to the Committee on City Property.

Common Council concurred, and the committee was discharged.

Also,

Informed that they had received a report from the Committee on Water Works, and had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the request of the managers of the Rosine Association, asking to be relieved from the payment of water rent.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had received a report from the Joint Special Committee, to frame rules for the government of Councils.

Which were read.

Mr. Butcher

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed and printed for the use of members.

Which was not agreed to.

Rule first was then agreed to.

Rule second being under consideration,

Mr. Griscom

Moved to amend the same on the first line, after the word "other" by inserting the word "Chamber."

Which was agreed to.

The rule as amended was agreed to.

Rule third was agreed to.

Rule fourth was agreed to.

Rule fifth was agreed to.

Rule sixth was agreed to.

Rule seventh being under consideration,

Mr. Verree

Moved to amend the same, by striking out all after the

word "at" on the second line, and insert in lieu thereof, the words "3 o'clock, P. M., and shall adjourn at 7 o'clock P. M."

Mr. Newell

Moved an amendment to the amendment, by striking out "three" and insert in lieu thereof "seven," and striking out "seven" and insert in lieu thereof, "ten."

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment, of Mr. Verree.

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Giller and Berry.

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Corlies, Dunk, Dubree, Eastwick, Griscom, Gay, Houseman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Parham, Randall, Roberts, Shuster, Smith, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Binder, Davenport, Dougherty, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Larzalere, Newell, Stuart.

Yeas 32; nays 9.

Which was agreed to.

Rule as amended was agreed to.

Rule eighth was agreed to.

Rule ninth being under consideration,

Mr. Randall

Moved to amend the same on the third line, after the word "members," by adding the words "of Select Council and twelve members of Common Council," and on the seventh line, by striking out the words "of six members," and in lieu thereof, "of the requisite number."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Martien

Moved further to amend on the fifth line, after the word "absence," by adding the words "from the city."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gay

Moved further to amend on the fifth line, by striking out the word, "may," and insert in lieu thereof the word "shall."

Which was agreed to.

The rule as amended was agreed to.

Rule tenth being under consideration,

Mr. Diehl

Moved to amend the same on the second line after the word "chamber," by adding the words, "to which the chairman of the committee belongs."

Which was agreed to.

Rule eleventh being under consideration,

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend the same at the first line after "an Ordinance," by adding the words, "or resolutions in the nature of an Ordinance."

Which was agreed to.

Upon inquiry being made as to whether there was a quorum present, the roll was called, and the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Gay, Houseman, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Larzalere, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Wagner, Diehl, *President*—37.

There being less than a quorum,

Mr. Martien

Moved that we do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to, and

Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 1st, 1855.

Council met—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Austin,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bumm,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Copeland,
Cowell,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Crispin,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Green,
Graeff,
Houseman,
Hoffman,
Harper,
Horn,

Messrs. Hacker,
Hubbard,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Lloyd,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Magarge,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Powell,
Pomeroy,
Parham,
Painter,
Preston,
Read,
Randall,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Scheetz,
Shuster,
Smith,
Stallman,
Taylor,
Verree,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President.*

Mr. Gillingham

Moved that the reading of the journal of last meeting be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Boswell

Presented the Report of the Board of Trustees of the West Philadelphia Gas Works.

The reading of which was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Bumm

Presented a communication from W. Vandusen, relative to the transfer of a lease for a Public Landing in the late District of Kensington.

Which was referred to the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings, with power to act.

Mr. Butcher

Presented a petition from a large number of citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that a bridge may be constructed over the river Schuylkill, at Chestnut street.

Mr. Gibson,

A petition from property owners on Shippen street, between Fifteenth and Seventeenth streets, asking that said street may be paved.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Balch

Presented a communication from the Philadelphia Hose Company, tendering the use of their hose and service of the Board of Directors at the trial of the Steam Fire Engine.

Which was accepted, and the matter referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, with power to act.

Mr. Hubbard

Presented a communication from G. Johnson, M. D., soliciting the appointment of Vaccine Physician.

Which was referred to the Committee on Health.

Mr. Hacker

Presented a bill of Peter Bobb, for bricks furnished for the Court House, corner of Sixth and Chestnut streets, amounting to \$70 50.

Also,

One from Henry Haines, for surveying, regulating, &c. in the late District of Penn, amounting to \$224 67.

Mr. Boswell,

One from the Bank of Pennsylvania, for gold furnished for the purpose of casting medals, as ordered by Councils, amounting to \$850 00.

Mr. Smith

Presented a petition from James Owens, asking to be paid the sum of \$50 due him for wages.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wagner

Presented a petition from the butchers, and others, occupying stalls in the Market House on Callowhill street, between Sixth and Crown streets, in the Twelfth Ward, asking that gas lamps may be placed in said Market House.

The President

Submitted one from citizens in the vicinity of Comptroller and Spruce streets, in the Fifth Ward, asking that a gas lamp may be placed at the corner of said streets.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Randall

Presented a bill from Edward Watts, for one months'

salary as lamp lighter in the Sixth section, Seventh District.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas.

The President

Submitted a petition from a number of citizens and property owners on Vine street, between Nineteenth and Twenty-second streets, asking that a culvert may be constructed on said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Also,

One from Henry H. Price, Benjamin Pugh and John Culin, asking that the property of Henry Price, on Walnut street, above the Darby Road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, may be released from a lien for water pipe, in order that they may be responsible for their proportion of said water pipe on said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Manuel

Presented a communication from Amos Ellis, stating that Cass street, in the Twentieth Ward, had been opened for public use, and requesting Councils to take charge of the same, and have it graded as soon as practicable.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

The President

Submitted the following:

To John H. Diehl, Esq., President Common Council:

DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to transmit to Councils, on behalf of the Directors of the Girard College for Orphans, the enclosed annual report of that Institution for the year 1854. (See Appendix, No. 8).

Respectfully yours,

SAMUEL H. PERKINS,

President of the Board of Directors.

Phila., Feb. 1st, 1855.

Also,

A petition from Dr. Thomas Oliver Goldsmith, late Coroner, asking that an appropriation may be made to settle his claim against the City.

Mr. Matthews

Presented a communication from the Executive Committee of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Wards, for the relief of the poor, asking that 2500 bushels of coke, at the Spring Garden Gas Works, may be appropriated for distribution.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hacker,

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying resolution.

WM. P. HACKER,

Committee Room, Feb. 1, 1855:

Chairman.

Resolved, That the sum of seventy-five dollars be appropriated to pay the expense of Clerk hire incurred in the contested election case of the member of Select Council from the Nineteenth Ward.

Which was read twice and passed.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled, "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the payment of certain claims for materials furnished to the Spring Garden Gas Works."

WM. P. HACKER,

Committee Room, Feb. 1, 1855.

Chairman.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled " An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Clerks of Councils for the expenses of Councils for the year 1855."

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Feb. 1, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled " An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Inspectors of the Prison."

WM. P. HACKER,

Committee Room, Feb. 1, 1855.

Chairman.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Boswell

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed, and printed for the use of members.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Randall and Pomeroy.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Crispin, Davenport, Dougherty, Gibson, Griscom, Gay, Houseman, Horn, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Martien, Magarge, O'Neill, Parham, Roberts, Scheetz, Shuster, Stallman, Taylor, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Berry, Bumm, Binder, Dunk, Dubree, Giller, Gray, Gillingham, Green, Graeff, Harper, Hacker, Hubbard, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Newell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Randall, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 31 ; nays 24.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hacker,

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following :
To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying resolution.

WM. P. HACKER,

Committee Room, Feb. 1, 1855.

Chairman.

Resolved, That the Solicitor be instructed to enter satisfaction on the bonds of Charles Geissert, late Superintendent of the late District of the Northern Liberties. And also of Jacob Mintzer, late Treasurer of same District, their accounts having been duly settled.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled " An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the City Commissioners."

WM. P. HACKER,

Committee Room, Feb. 1, 1855.

Chairman.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second being under consideration,

Mr. Crispin

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed and printed for the use of the members.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hacker,

From the Committee on Finance presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled, " An Ordinance to make an Appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City."

WM. P. HACKER,

Chairman.

Committee Room, Feb. 1, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Balch

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed, and printed for the use of members.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hacker,

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following.

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled, "An Ordinance to make an Appropriation to the Department of City Property.

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Feb. 1, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Crispin

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed, and printed for the use of members.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch and Crispin.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Crispin, Dougherty, Giller, Griscom, Gay, Graeff, Hassinger, Lloyd, Moran, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Randall, Scheetz, Smith, Stallman, Taylor.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Dubree, Gibson, Grove, Gillingham, Green, Houseman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Roberts, Shuster, Verree, Diehl, *President.*

Yeas 22; nays 32.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Mercer

Asked for a division of the question on the section.

The first division was agreed to.

The second division was agreed to.

The third division was agreed to.

The fourth division was agreed to.

The fifth division was agreed to.

The sixth division was agreed to.

The seventh division was agreed to.

The eighth division was agreed to.

The ninth division was agreed to.

The tenth division was agreed to.

The eleventh division was agreed to.

The twelfth division was agreed to.

The thirteenth division was agreed to.

The fourteenth division was agreed to.

The fifteenth division was agreed to.

The sixteenth division was agreed to.

The seventeenth division was agreed to.

The eighteenth division being under consideration,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Crispin and O'Neill.

And, being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dubree, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Green, Houseman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Magarge, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Preston, Read, Roberts, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Taylor, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Boswell, Crispin, Gibson, Grove, Gray, Gay, O'Neill, Scheetz.

Yeas 43 ; nays 8.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Andress

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed, and printed for the use of members.

On this question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Pomeroy and Randall.

And, being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Crispin, Dougherty, Graeff, Pomeroy, Randall, Scheetz, Taylor.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Boswell, Copeland, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Houseman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Painter, Preston, Roberts, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 8 ; nays 42.

Which was not agreed to.

The division was then agreed to.

The nineteenth division was agreed to.

The twentieth division being under consideration,

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to amend the same, by adding after the word "clocks," the words "and steeples."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved further to amend, by striking out "\$535," and insert, in lieu thereof, "\$200."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dougherty and Balch.

And, being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Balch, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Horn, Hilles, O'Neill, Parham, Scheetz, Taylor, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cresswell, Conrad, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Giller, Green, Graeff, Houseman, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Read, Roberts, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 16 ; nays 37.

Which was not agreed to.

The division was then agreed to.

The twenty-first division was agreed to.

The twenty-second division was agreed to.

The twenty-third division was agreed to.

The twenty-fourth division was agreed to.

The twenty-fifth division was agreed to.

The twenty-sixth division was agreed to.

The twenty-seventh division was agreed to.

The twenty-eighth division was agreed to.

The twenty-ninth division was agreed to.

The thirtieth division was agreed to.

Mr. Randall

Then moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed for the present.

Which was not agreed to.

The title was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

Mr. Crispin

Moved that the rule be suspended, which forbids a bill from being read a third time on the same day.

On this question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Crispin and Smith.

And, being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Copeland, Cresswell, Dennis, Giller, Grove, Green, Graeff, Houseman, Hacker, Hilles, Lloyd, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Magarge, Norton, Newell, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Roberts, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS — Messrs. Address, Berry, Boswell, Conrad, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Horn, Hubbard, Hassinger, Moran, Manuel, O'Neill, Preston, Read, Randall, Stuart, Taylor, Verree.

Yeas 33 ; nays 26.

There being less than two-thirds voting in the affirmative,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Pomeroy

Asked leave to offer a resolution.

The question being, " Will Council agree to the same ?"

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Verree and Martien.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Address, Berry, Binder, Crispin, Dennis, Dubree, Giller, Gray, Gillingham, Green, Graeff, Horn, Hubbard, Lloyd, Moran, Matthews, Norton, Newell, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Taylor, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Gibson, Grove, Griscom, Gay, Houseman, Hacker, Hilles, Hassinger, Mercer, Martien, Manuel, Magarge, O'Neill, Read, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 27 ; nays 33.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Pomeroy

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended, for the purpose of allowing the member from the Third Ward (Mr. Dennis,) an opportunity of offering a resolution.

On this question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dennis and Pomeroy.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Binder, Boswell, Crispin, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Giller, Grove, Gray, Horn, Hubbard, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Pomeroy, Preston, Stuart, Taylor, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Butcher, Copeland, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Dougherty, Gibson, Gay, Green, Houseman, Hilles, Martien, Norton, O'Neill, Painter, Read, Roberts, Scheetz, Shuster, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 27 ; nays 24.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Verree

Arose to a point of order, which being stated, was as follows :

“That it required the votes of two thirds of the whole number of members present to suspend the regular order of business.”

The chair decided otherwise.

Mr. Griscom

Appealed from the decision of the chair.

The question being, shall the decision be sustained,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Griscom and Verree.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Bumm, Binder, Copeland, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Gillingham, Green, Graeff, Houseman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Manuel,

Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Read, Randall, Roberts, Scheetz, Shuster, Taylor, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Bishop, Balch, Butcher, Cresswell, Conrad, Dougherty, Griscom, Gay, Hilles, Hassinger, Martien, Painter, Stuart, Verree.

Yeas 39; nays 15.

Which was agreed to, and the chair sustained.

Mr. Dennis

Then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the lamp-cleaners and fillers be continued under Abraham Myers, and the supervision of the Gas Committee, until the first of March, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Mr. Painter

Moved to amend the same at the end thereof, by adding the following :

“ And that the Superintendent have the fluid lamps properly filled in the Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth Wards, and that suitable persons be employed to have the same attended to.

Mr. Giller

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the resolution be postponed for the present, for the purpose of offering a resolution relative to adjournment.

And after some time had been spent in the discussion of the same,

Mr. Gibson

Moved the previous question, and was sustained in the call by the following members rising :

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Binder, Dennis, Gibson, Green, Lloyd, Mercer, Newell and Powell.

The question being, shall the main question be now put?

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Bumm and Verree.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bumm, Binder, Copeland, Dunk, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Gillingham, Horn, Lloyd, Mercer, Matthews, Magarge, Norton, Newell, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Randall, Shuster, Taylor, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Austin, Bishop, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Crispin, Dougherty, Grove, Griscom, Gay, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Martien, O'Neill, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Verree.

Yeas 26 ; nays 21.

Which was agreed to.

The main question being on agreeing to the motion of Mr. Giller,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hilles and Bumm.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Binder, Butcher, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Mercer, Moran, Magarge, Norton, Newell, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Randall, Shuster, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Austin, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Boswell, Copeland, Cresswell, Dougherty, Gillingham, Horn, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, O'Neill, Read, Roberts, Scheetz, Verree.

Yeas 23 ; nays 23.

The hour of seven having arrived, the question being on adjournment,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dennis and Newell.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Austin, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Boswell, Copeland, Cresswell, Conrad, Dougherty,

Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Martien, Matthews, Painter, Roberts, Scheetz, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Read, Randall, Shuster.

Yeas 29; nays 20.

It was agreed to, and

Council adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 3, 1855.

A Special Meeting was held this afternoon—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bunn,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Copeland,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Gratz,
Graeff,
Houseman,
Hoffman,
Horn,

Messrs. Hacker,
Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Laws,
Lloyd,
Larzalere,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Pomeroy,
Painter,
Preston,
Randall,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Scheetz,
Smith,
Stallman,
Verree,
Watt,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President.*

The President

Submitted the following call :

John H. Diehl, Esq., President of Common Council :

SIR—We, the undersigned members of Common Council, respectfully request you to call a Special Meeting of Common Council on Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of electing three Directors, to represent the City of Philadelphia in the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company.

GEO. W. POMEROY,
JAMES M. GILSON,
JAMES DAVENPORT,
JOHN A. MERCER,
C. S. DUNK,
WM. MATTHEWS,
PETER SCHEETZ,
SETH AUSTIN,
SAMUEL J. RANDALL,
WM. MORAN,
RICHARD M. BERRY,
ANSON GRAY,
C. B. ANDRESS,
THO. A. HOUSEMAN,
JAMES GAY,
THOS. I. ROBERTS,
CHAS. E. GRAEFF,
JOHN S. PAINTER,
ROBT. NEWELL,
M. J. DOUGHERTY,
WILLIAM M. POWELL,
C. M. WAGNER,
JOHN DUBREE,
GEO. A. BINDER,
JOHN LLOYD,
S. S. BISHOP,
C. B. F. O'NEILL,
JOS. MANUEL, JR.,
GEO. GRISCOM,
CHARLES HUBBARD,
JOHN U. GILLER,
J. STEWART.

Feb. 1st, 1855.

Mr. Balch

Asked leave to present the following protest:

The undersigned protest against any election of Directors of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad, when the meeting was not called pursuant to a previous resolution, concurred in by Select Council.

THOS. BALCH,
JAMES VERREE,
C. J. HOFFMAN,
JAS. J. BOSWELL.

Common Council Chamber, Feb. 3, 1855.

Which was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Mr. Pomeroy

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Council inform Select Council that they are now ready to meet them in convention, for the purpose of electing three Directors for the Sunbury and Erie Railroad.

Mr. Verree

Moved that we do now adjourn.

On this question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Moran and Newell.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Eastwick, Giller, Hoffinan, Hilles, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Address, Berry, Copeland, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Graeff, Houseman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Laws, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Smith, Stallman, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 9; nays 42.

Which was not agreed to.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Verree

Offered the following as a substitute :

Whereas, The early completion of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad is of great importance to the prosperity of this City, uniting, as it does, the commerce of the Atlantic with that of the great chain of Northern Lakes by the best route between them: *And Whereas*, It has been shown by two investigations—one by each Chamber of these Councils—that the present management of this Company have been guilty of the most culpable mismanagement of its affairs, and have, in many ways, shown themselves to be utterly incompetent to complete the same with justice to the City or to the other stockholders: *And Whereas*, It appears, by the same investigations, that the present President and Directors were elected by the votes of parties who were not legally stockholders.

Therefore, in order to protect the City from further loss, as well as to give an expression to the opinion entertained of the bad management of this Company, it is herewith

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, that no further appropriation of money or bonds will be made towards the payment of the remaining instalments, so long as the management of the same shall remain in the present improper hands.

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be, and he is hereby requested to apply to the Supreme Court for an injunction to restrain any and all parties from voting for President and Directors of this Railroad Company, at the ensuing election, on the twelfth of February, upon any of the stock said to have been subscribed by Crane, Dillon & Co., Joel W. White, James Goodwin, and the Montour Iron Co., inasmuch as it appears that no instalments have ever been paid by these parties, in accordance with the provisions of the charter.

And it is also further

Resolved, That the Hon. Robert T. Conrad, Mayor of the City ; John P. Verree, Esq , President of Select Council ; and John H. Diehl, Esq., President of the Common Council, be and they are hereby authorized and requested to attend the ensuing meeting of stockholders of the aforesaid Railroad Company, and vote the whole number of shares held by the City, for such persons for President and Directors as they may deem most competent to properly manage its affairs.

Mr. Hoppel

Moved that the amendment be laid on the table.

Pending this question,

Mr. Moran

Moved the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising :

Messrs. Berry, Dennis, Graeff, Horn, Hubbard, Laws, Moran, Newell, Pomeroy and Randall.

The question being, shall the main question be now put ?

It was agreed to.

The main question being to lay the amendment on the table,

It was not agreed to.

And after some time had been spent in the discussion of the amendment,

Mr. Newell

Moved the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising :

Messrs. Address, Berry, Dennis, Graeff, Gray, Moran, Pomeroy, Preston, Randall and Stallman.

The question being, shall the main question be now put ?

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch and Dennis.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Berry, Copeland, Dennis, Gibson, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Graeff, Houseman, Hubbard, Laws, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Randall, Roberts, Scheetz, Smith, Stallman, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Giller, Hoffinan, Horn, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Matthews, Norton, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 28 ; nays 21.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Matthews

Desired to know from the Chair, if a member would be permitted to give his reasons for voting for, or against the amendment.

The Chair

Decided that he would, and that five minutes time would be allowed for so doing.

Mr. Balch

Wished to have his protest against this decision entered on the Minutes, inasmuch as the time was entirely too short for the purpose.

Mr. Balch

Then proceeded at length to give his reasons for voting for the amendment.

Mr. Pomeroy

Rose to a point of order ; which being stated, was as follows :

“That the member now speaking was straying from the question.”

The Chair

Decided that the member must confine his remarks to the question.

Mr. Balch

Concluded, and was followed by Messrs. Boswell, Matthews, and Verree.

The main question being on agreeing to the amendment,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Moran and Smith.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Boswell, Cresswell, Davenport, Dougherty, Gibson, Hoffman, Hilles, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS — Messrs. Abbey, Address, Berry, Bishop, Butcher, Copeland, Conrad, Dunk, Dennis, Dubree, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Graeff, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Randall, Roberts, Scheetz, Smith, Stallman, Wagner.

Yeas 10 ; nays 38.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original Resolution,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Moran and Randall.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Address, Bishop, Copeland, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Giller, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Graeff, Houseman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Smith, Stallman, Wagner.

NAYS — Messrs. Balch, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell,

Cresswell, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Gratz, Hoffman, Hilles, Martien, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 40 ; nays 14.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Giller

Moved that Council do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Martien and Hoffman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS — Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cresswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hilles, Martien, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Conrad, Dennis, Dubree, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Graeff, Houseman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Sheetz, Schuster, Smith, Stallman, Wagner.

Yeas 23 ; nays 32.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Pomeroy

Moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet on Monday afternoon next, at three o'clock.

Mr. Randall

Moved to amend the same by striking out "three o'clock," and insert, in lieu thereof, "nine o'clock, A.M."

Mr. Martien

Moved an amendment to the amendment, by striking out "nine," and inserting "seven."

Mr. Boswell

Moved, while this question was pending, that Council do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dennis and Martien.

And, being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Balch, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cresswell, Dunk, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hilles, Martien, Matthews, Smith, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Berry, Bishop, Conrad, Dennis, Dubree, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Graeff, Houseman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 20; nays 30.

Which was not agreed to.

The amendment to the amendment was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch and Martien.

And, being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cresswell, Dunk, Dougherty, Eastwick, Hoffman, Hilles, Martien, Matthews, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Conrad, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Graeff, Houseman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Smith, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 14; nays 37.

Which was not agreed to.

The original Resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Boswell

Moved to amend the same, by striking out "three o'clock," and insert, in lieu thereof, "seven o'clock."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Martien and Butcher.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Davenport, Dougherty, Gibson, Giller, Gillingham, Hoffman, Martien, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Address, Berry, Bishop, Copeland, Conrad, Dunk, Dennis, Dubree, Griscom, Gay, Graeff, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Smith, Verree, Watt, Wagner.

Yeas 13 ; nays 38.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Verree

Moved that Council do now adjourn.

And after some time had been spent in the discussion of the same,

Mr. Gillingham

Moved the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising :

Messrs. Berry, Dennis, Dubree, Gay, Gillingham, Hoppel, Lloyd, Newell, Pomeroy and Roberts.

The question being "Shall the main question be now put?"

It was agreed to.

The main question being on adjournment,

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original resolution to adjourn to meet on Monday afternoon at three o'clock,

It was agreed to.

Mr. Hoppel

Moved that we do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to, and

Council adjourned.

MONDAY, February 5th, 1855.

Council met this afternoon, pursuant to adjournment—
Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bumm,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Graeff,
Houseman,
Hoffman,
Horn,
Hacker,
Hubbard,

Messrs. Hoppel,
Hilles,
Laws,
Lloyd,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Magarge,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Powell,
Pomeroy,
Painter,
Preston,
Read,
Randall,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Scheetz,
Shuster,
Smith,
Taylor,
Verree,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President.*

Mr. Balch

Presented the following Protest :

The undersigned protest against the meeting held this day, because

1. The said meeting has been called without previous concurrent resolution passed by Select Council.

2. No special convention or special joint meeting for such purposes can be legally called, unless called pursuant to the seventh section of the Consolidation Act.

THOS. BALCH,
JAS. J. BOSWELL.

February 5, 1855.

Which was ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

Mr. Hoppel

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to notify Select Council that this Council is now ready to meet them in convention, for the purpose of electing three Directors in the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Mr. Hoppel

Moved the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising :

Messrs. Address, Berry, Dennis, Dubree, Gray, Hoppel, Hubbard, Painter, Randall and Roberts.

The question being, Shall the main question be now put ?

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch and Randall.

And, being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS — Messrs. Abbey, Address, Berry, Bishop, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Giller, Gray, Griscom,

Gillingham, Gay, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Mercer, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Randall, Roberts, Scheetz, Taylor, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Balch, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Conrad, Dougherty, Gibson, Grove, Hoffman, Hacker, Hilles, Norton, O'Neill, Read, Shuster, Smith, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 30 ; nays 18.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Balch

Moved that Council do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Randall and Newell.

And, being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Butcher and Hilles.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Address, Berry, Bishop, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Mercer, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Read, Randall, Roberts, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Taylor, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 2 ; nays 37.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that we do now proceed to the nomination of Directors of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company.

Which was agreed to.

And

Mr. Gibson nominated Henry L. Benner,

Mr. Mercer nominated James Cooper,

Mr. Painter nominated Harry Connelly,

Mr. Davenport nominated Edward Joy Morris,

Mr. Hacker nominated James Steele,
Mr. Laws nominated Jacob A. Jones,
Mr. Conrad nominated John Hanna,
Mr. Manuel nominated Stewart Newell,
Mr. Randall nominated Robert L. Martin.
When the nominations closed,

Mr. Dougherty

Moved that Council do now take a recess of thirty minutes.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gillingham

Moved that we do now take a recess of fifteen minutes.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Moved that Council do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Randall and Hoppel.

And, being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Bumm, Boswell, Conrad, Gibson, Gillingham, Manuel.

NAYS — Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bishop, Butcher, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Giller, Gray, Griscom, Gay, Graeff, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Mercer, Matthews, Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Read, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Taylor, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 7 ; nays 39.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Balch

Moved that we do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel and Balch.

And, being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Bumm, Boswell, Conrad, Gibson, Grove.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Giller, Gray, Gay, Graeff, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Mercer, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Read, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Taylor.

Yeas 6 ; nays 36.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Horn

Moved that we do now take a recess of twenty minutes.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dennis and Roberts.

And, being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Bumm, Butcher, Conrad, Horn, Smith.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Boswell, Corlies, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Gay, Graeff, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Mercer, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Preston, Read, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Shuster.

Yeas 5 ; nays 30.

It was not agreed to, there being less than a quorum of members voting.

Mr. Randall

Moved a call of the House.

The Roll was called, when the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Con-

rad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Gay, Graeff, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Painter, Preston, Read, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith.—39

Mr. Norton

Moved that Council do now proceed to the consideration of the business on the President's desk.

And, after some time had been spent in the discussion of the same,

Mr. Laws

Moved a call of the House.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbey, Address, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Corlies, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Gay, Graeff, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Read, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Taylor, Diehl, *President*—42.

The Sergeant at Arms was then ordered to close the doors, and permit no member to leave the Chamber, without permission from the Chair.

The question being on agreeing to the motion of Mr. Norton,

The yeas and nays being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS — Messrs. Abbey, Address, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Boswell, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Gay, Graeff, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, Powell, Pomeroy, Preston, Read, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Taylor, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Butcher, O'Neill, Painter.

Yeas 41 ; nays 3.

There being two-thirds voting in the affirmative,

It was agreed to.

Council then resumed the consideration of the joint rules for the government of Council.

Rule thirteenth being under consideration,

Mr. Abbey

Moved to amend the same on the second line, by striking out the words "the unanimous consent," and insert, in lieu thereof, "a two-third vote."

Which was agreed to.

Rule, as amended, was agreed to.

Rule fourteenth was agreed to.

Rule fifteenth was agreed to.

Mr. Randall

Moved a re-consideration of the vote by which the seventh Rule was adopted.

And, on the motion being agreed to,

Mr. Norton

Moved to amend the same, by striking out all after the letters "P. M.," on the second line.

Which was agreed to.

Rule, as amended, was agreed to.

Select Council concurred in the same.

Select Council informs this Council that they have passed the following Preamble and Resolution :

Whereas, A large number in our community, owing to the severity of the weather, are out of employment, are in a destitute condition for want of the necessaries of life, therefore,

Resolved, That Abraham Myers, Superintendent of

the Spring Garden Gas Works, be, and he is hereby, authorized to deliver 5000 bushels of coke to the order of the Executive Committee on Distribution to the Poor now meeting at the Hall, Thirteenth and Spring Garden Streets, and charge the same to the Gas Department.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Mr. Dennis

Moved to amend the same, on the second and third lines, by striking out the words "Five thousand bushels of," and insert, in lieu thereof, "All the coke that can be spared over and above what they may want for their own manufacture."

And on the fifth line, by striking out the words "now meeting at the Hall, Thirteenth and Spring Garden Streets," and insert in lieu thereof, "of the City."

Mr. Painter

Moved an amendment to the amendment by adding the following:

"And that the poor of Philadelphia of each Ward, shall have an equal share, and no coke to be given unless an order be presented by those who have collected funds for the poor."

Pending this question,

Mr. Giller

Moved a call of the House.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bumm, Boswell, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Gay, Graeff, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Pres-

ton, Read, Roberts, Scheetz, Shuster, Wagner, Diehl, *President*—39.

Mr. Boswell

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the resolution and amendments be indefinitely postponed.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dennis and Newell.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Boswell, Dennis, Giller, Gray, Hacker, Magarge, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Bumm, Conrad, Corlies, Dubree, Gibson, Gay, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppell, Hilles, Larzalere, Matthews, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Painter, Read, Scheetz, Shuster, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 9 ; nays 22.

Which was not agreed to.

Also,

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the resolution and amendments be postponed, and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Eastwick

Moved a call of the House. The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Boswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Griscom, Gay, Graeff, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppell, Hilles, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Read, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*—53.

Mr. Pomeroy

Moved that the further consideration of the subject be

postponed for the present, for the purpose of offering a resolution relative to adjournment.

And after some time had been spent in the discussion of the same,

Mr. Randall

Moved the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising :

Messrs. Dennis, Gay, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Newell, Painter, Pomeroy and Scheetz.

The question being, shall the main question be now put ?

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoffman and Martien.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Dunk, Dennis, Dubree, Gay, Graeff, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bishop, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Corlies, Davenport, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Houseman, Hoffman, Hacker, Hilles, Martien, Matthews, Magarge, Norton, Powell, Read, Shuster, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 25 ; nays 25.

Which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Boswell, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Moran and Hoppel.

And being ordered, the Clerk proceeded to call the roll—when the name of Mr. Boswell was called, he arose and desired to give his reasons for voting nay ; and was about doing so, when

Mr. Moran

Arose to a point of order, which being stated, was as follows : “ That the merits of a resolution could not be discussed after the Clerk had commenced to call the roll.”

The Chair decided otherwise.

When Mr. Laws called the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising :

MESSRS. Berry, Dennis, Graeff, Gray, Laws, Moran, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Roberts and Wagner.

The question being, shall the main question be now put ?

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoffman and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Corlies, Dennis, Dubree, Gray, Griscom, Gay, Graeff, Hubbard, Hoppell, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Wagner.

NAYS—Abbey, Bishop, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hilles, Martien, Magarge, Read, Shuster, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 27 ; nays 21.

Which was agreed to.

The main question being, on agreeing to the motion of Mr. Boswell, to refer to the Committee on Trusts, &c.

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Bumm and Hilles.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Butcher, Boswell, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Eastwick, Gibson, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gay, Graeff, Houseman, Horn, Hoppel, Hilles, Laws, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, Powell, Painter, Preston, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Verree, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Bumm, Dougherty, Dubree, Giller, Hoffman, Hacker, Hubbard, Lloyd, Matthews, Norton, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Read, Shuster, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 37 ; nays 14.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Verree

Moved that Council do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hilles and Verree.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS — Messrs. Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Davenport, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hilles, Martien, Matthews, Magarge, Read, Shuster, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Bishop, Corlies, Dunk, Dennis, Dubree, Griscom, Gay, Graeff, Houseman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 19 ; nays 31.

Which was not agreed to.

The hour of 7 having arrived, the yeas and nays being ordered on the question of adjournment, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Davenport, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Hoffman, Hacker, Hilles, Martien, Magarge, Shuster, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Corlies, Dunk, Dennis, Dubree, Griscom, Gay, Graeff, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Read, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Wagner.

Yeas 17 ; nays 34.

There being two-thirds voting in the negative,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Pomeroy

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That when this Council adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, February 6th, 1855, at 9 o'clock, A.M.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Painter

Moved the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising :

Messrs. Dennis, Gay, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Newell, Painter, Pomeroy, and Scheetz.

The question being, shall the main question be now put?

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Boswell and Pomeroy.

And, being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Griscom, Gay, Graeff, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Preston, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS — Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Bumm, Boswell, Dougherty, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Hoffman, Hacker, Matthews, Norton, Read, Shuster, Verree.

Yeas 31 ; nays 15.

It was agreed to.

The main question being on agreeing to the Resolution offered by Mr. Pomeroy,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Butcher and O'Neill.

And, being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Corlies, Dunk, Dennis, Dubree, Grove, Griscom, Gay, Graeff, Houseman,

Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Butcher, Boswell, Davenport, Dougherty, Gibson, Giller, Hoffman, Matthews, Magarge, Read, Shuster, Verree.

Yeas 32; nays 12.

It was agreed to.

The following message was received from the Mayor :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, January 30, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN:—I have approved and signed the following Ordinances, viz :

“ An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Department of the City Treasurer, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five.”

“ An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City, for the purposes therein mentioned.”

“ An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Department of the Receiver of Taxes for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five.”

“ An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Police Department for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five.”

“ An Ordinance to provide for the issue of Certificates of Debt, in payment of certain obligations.”

“ An ordinance to provide a Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the Debt of the City of Philadelphia.”

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Also, the following :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, January 30, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—I have this day signed the Bill entitled, “An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia.”

In returning this Ordinance to Councils, with my approval, I beg leave briefly to state the considerations which have induced my sanction.

If a better than the existing system be, at this time, unattainable, I regret that more decisive provision has not been made for the reform of the present Department.

With the sincerest admiration of the civic and unselfish heroism of the *true fireman*, with the most profound gratitude for those generous services and sacrifices, which no treasure can purchase nor pay, I had hoped that the abuses which dishonor the system might be removed from it—abuses which corrupt the youthful and mislead the mature, which foster intemperance, licentiousness and crime, and embody furious factions, armed against the public law. It is admitted, that while vices of a Department that still boasts many meritorious citizens, afflict the City with intolerable wrongs ; they also paralyze or prevent the energies of that Department, and render it, too often, as feeble to do good, as it is forward and ferocious in evil.

These are truths, which, with my official experience, it would betray a lack of candor or courage to leave unspoken ; and in the presence of those truths, I cannot forbear to express my regret, that the remedy proposed does not promise a more prompt and positive reform.

This bill, however, is the result of earnest and protracted deliberation, and has received more than a constitutional majority of both chambers. It is regarded, not without reason, as the necessary step, intermediate and introductory, to an effective reform ; and the best friends of the present Fire Department have advocated it as leading safely, but certainly, to more valuable results. This mea-

sure will, it is believed, be followed by the introduction of those powerful agents, the Fire Telegraph and the Steam Engine, from which our sister cities have derived, in this department, advantages so invaluable; nor can it be denied that if the present measure should not effect all that may be desired, it cannot fail, *if faithfully carried out*, to do much for the redemption of our City from its present affliction and reproach. In view of these facts, with an unaffected deference for the practical wisdom and public zeal manifested by Councils, in the course of their earnest labors upon this embarrassing subject, and with a sincere hope that it may realize their expectations, I have approved and signed the bill.

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Dennis

Moved that we do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dennis and Abbey.

And, being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Corlies, Dunk, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Gay, Horn, Hubbard, Moran, Magarge, Newell, Powell, Pomeroy, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Bishop, Boswell, Davenport, Gibson, Giller, Hoffinan, Hoppel, Laws, Mercer, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Painter, Read, Randall, Shuster.

Yeas 23; nays 17.

Which was agreed to, and

Council adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 6th, 1855.

Council met, pursuant to adjournment, this morning, at nine o'clock. Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bumm,
Boswell,
Copeland,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gay,
Graeff,
Hoffman,
Horn,

Messrs. Hacker,
Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Laws,
Lloyd,
Larzalere,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Powell,
Pomeroy,
Painter,
Read,
Randall,
Roberts,
Scheetz,
Shuster,
Smith,
Watt,
Diehl, *President.*

In the absence of the President,

Mr. Giller

Was called to the Chair.

There being less than a quorum of members answering to their names,

Mr. Boswell

Moved that this Council do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Newell and Hoppel.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Boswell, Copeland, Gibson, Giller, Hacker, Shuster.

NAYS—Messrs. Address, Berry, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gay, Graeff, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Roberts, Scheetz, Watt.

Yeas 7 ; nays 27.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Address

Moved a call of the house.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbey, Address, Berry, Balch, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Gay, Graeff, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Randall, Roberts, Scheetz, Shuster, Watt, Diehl, *President*—38.

Mr. Pomeroy

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Chamber be required to inform Select Council that we are now prepared to meet

them in convention for the purpose of electing three Directors of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Abbey

Moved that Council do now resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole on the resolution.

And after some time had been spent in the discussion of the same,

Mr. Hubbard

Moved the previous question, and was sustained in the call by the following members rising :

Messrs. Berry, Dennis, Gay, Horn, Hubbard, Lloyd, Manuel, O'Neill, Roberts, and Scheetz.

The question being, Shall the main question be now put ?

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch and Hoffman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Berry, Corlies, Dennis, Dubree, Gray, Gay, Graeff, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Llaws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Moran, Manuel, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pome-roy, Painter, Randall, Roberts, Scheetz, Smith, Watt.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Boswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Hoffman, Hacker, Matthews, Norton, Read, Shuster.

Yeas 26 ; nays 17.

Which was agreed to.

The main question being on agreeing to the motion of Mr. Abbey, to go into Committee of the Whole on the resolution,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Moran and Gray.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Boswell, Conrad, Davenport, Gibson, Giller, Hoffman, Hacker, Matthews, Read, Shuster.

NAYS—Messrs. Address, Berry, Corlies, Dunk, Dennis, Dubree, Gray, Griscom, Gay, Graeff, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Moran, Manuel, Norton, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Randall, Roberts, Scheetz, Watt.

Yeas 14 ; nays 26.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original resolution,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel and Laws.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Address, Berry, Bishop, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Giller, Gray, Griscom, Gay, Graeff, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Read, Roberts, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Balch, Bumm, Boswell, Conrad, Hoffman.

Yeas 36 ; nays 5.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Moran

Asked leave to make a personal explanation in reference to the report, in the proceedings of Common Council of yesterday afternoon, as published in some of the newspapers of this day.

Mr. Diehl

Arose to a point of order, which, being stated, was as follows :

“That no member has a right to discuss any other

subject than that for which we have assembled here to-day, unless permitted to do so by a two-third vote of the whole number present."

In which the Chair concurred.

Leave was subsequently granted to Mr. Moran to proceed.

Mr. Hacker

Moved that this Council do now adjourn.

Mr. Andress

Arose to a point of order, which, being stated, was as follows :

"That a motion to adjourn was not in order while a member had the floor."

The motion to adjourn was subsequently withdrawn.

Mr. Moran

Then concluded ; after which,

Mr. Martien

Moved that we do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to, and

Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 8, 1855.

Council met—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bumm,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Copeland,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Green,
Graeff,
Houseman,

Messrs. Hoffman,
Horn,
Hacker,
Hubbard,
Hilles,
Laws,
Larzalere,
Mercer,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Magarge,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Pomeroy,
Parham,
Painter,
Preston,
Read,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Shuster,
Smith,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President.*

On motion,

The reading of the minutes of last meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. Balch

Presented a petition from Mrs. Esther L. Newbold, asking to be repaid the sum of \$50, being the amount overpaid by her for water-pipe, in the late District of Moya-mensing.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a bill for travelling expenses, in attending the meetings of Councils and Committees, from the 12th day of June last to the present date, amounting to the sum of \$113 50.

Which was read, when

Mr. Martien

Moved that the same be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Cresswell

Moved that the bill be laid on the table.

On this question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Cresswell and Smith.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Binder, Dougherty, Gibson, Hacker, Hilles, Mercer, Norton, Stuart, Wagner.

NAYS — Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Bumm, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Giller, Grove, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Graeff, Houseman, Hoffinan, Horn, Hubbard, Laws, Martien, Matthews, Magarge, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Preston, Smith, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 10 ; nays 29.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Butcher

Moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed.

Which was not agreed to.

It was then referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Bishop

Presented a communication from H. & A. Cope & Co., relative to the cleansing of the docks at the foot of Walnut street (Delaware).

Which was referred to the Committee on Port Wardens.

Mr. Wagner

Presented a communication from the Clerks in the Department of the Receiver of Taxes, asking for an increase of salary.

Mr. Smith

Presented a bill of Samuel Allen, Esq., Sheriff, for expenses incurred in the late contested election cases in the Fourth and Nineteenth Wards, amounting to \$50.

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Butcher

Presented a petition from citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that certain streets may be repaired.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from property-owners on Moyamensing road, between Greenwich and Mifflin streets, asking that said street may be graded.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Horn

Presented a communication from Joseph W. Rowe,

M.D., of the Seventeenth Ward, soliciting the appointment of vaccine physician.

Which was laid on the table.

The President

Submitted a communication from Philip M. Price, Esq., Treasurer of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company, containing a statement of the affairs of said Company, up to the 1st inst. (*Appendix, No. 9.*)

Also,

The twentieth annual report of the Board of Managers of Wills' Hospital for the indigent lame and blind. (*Appendix, No. 10.*)

Which were severally ordered to be printed for the use of members.

Also,

A communication from I. Cresson and William Copinger, surviving executors of the estate of Elliot Cresson, relative to the sum of \$5000 left by the will of said decedent to "The Mayor and Councils of Philadelphia, in trust" for a specific object.

Which was referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

A communication from the Board of Controllers of Public Schools, relative to an increase of the salaries of school teachers.

Which was referred to the Committee on Schools.

Mr. Hacker

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended, for the purpose of going into the consideration of the bill making the annual appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor.

Which was agreed to.

The bill being on second reading,

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also,

Moved a further suspension of the regular order of business, for the purpose of going into the consideration of the bill making an appropriation to the Department of City Property.

Which was agreed to.

The bill being on second reading,

Mr. Hacker

Moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the first section was adopted.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Moved to amend the same by striking out "\$300," and insert in lieu thereof "\$3000, for rent for City Treasurer and Controller."

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Moved further to amend by adding "\$303 38 for carpeting furnished for Spring Garden Hall, by James H. Orne."

Which was agreed to.

The first and only section, as amended, was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Stuart

Moved a further suspension of the regular order of business for the purpose of going into the consideration of the bill from Select Council making an appropriation to the Girard College for Orphans.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hacker,

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that, in view of the recent consolidation of the various municipalities into one corporate body, they deemed it proper to examine into and prepare a statement for Councils, and all interested, of the value and revenue of the property which belongs to said Corporation. In order the more effectually to carry out these views, a special sub-committee was appointed, composed of Messrs. W. S. Smith, *Chairman*, A. S. Roberts, J. U. Giller, to which the Chairman of this Committee was added. The Committee, after a very laborious examination, have presented their report, which will doubtless give great satisfaction to Councils and to the public. The Committee take pleasure in presenting it, and ask the adoption of the annexed resolution.

WM. P. HACKER,

Chairman.

Committee Room, Feb. 8, 1855.

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the statements A, B, C, and D, in relation to the value and revenue of the

property belonging to the City of Philadelphia, be printed for the use of members, together with the reports of the Committees.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Health."

WM. P. HACKER,

Committee Room, Feb. 8, 1855.

Chairman.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Wharves and Landings."

WM. P. HACKER,

Committee Room, Feb. 8, 1855.

Chairman.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Dennis,

From the Committee on Gas, presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Gas beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled " An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for expenses incurred in lighting the City, and for materials furnished for, and labor performed at, the Spring Garden and Frankford Gas Works."

WM. H. DENNIS,

Chairman.

Committee Room, Feb. 8, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Copeland,

From the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled " An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges,

Sewers, and cleansing the City, for the payment of the damages assessed for the opening of Delaware avenue, from Willow street to Cohocksink Creek, and from Callowhill to Willow street."

SAMUEL COPELAND,

Chairman.

Committee Room, Feb. 8, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance approved August 29th, 1854, entitled 'An Ordinance establishing the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City.'"

SAMUEL COPELAND,

Committee Room, Feb. 8, 1855.

Chairman.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to fix and establish the grade of Girard Avenue, between Twenty-ninth street and the river Schuylkill."

SAMUEL COPELAND,

Committee Room, Feb. 8, 1855.

Chairman.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and cleansing the City, to pay certain claims therein mentioned, for work performed by virtue of certain contracts."

SAMUEL COPELAND,

Chairman.

Committee Room, Feb. 8, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Balch

Asked for a division of the question on the section.

The first division was agreed to.

The second division was agreed to.

The third division was agreed to.

The fourth division was agreed to.

The fifth division being under consideration,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch and Bumm.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS — Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bishop, Binder, Butcher, Copeland, Conrad, Dunk, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Griscom, Gay, Green, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Hilles, Laws, Larzalere, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Shuster, Smith.

NAYS—Messrs. Balch, Bumm, Cresswell, Dennis, Giller, Grove, Matthews, Norton, Read, Wagner.

Yeas 28 ; nays 10.

Which was agreed to.

The sixth division being under consideration,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Bumm and Butcher.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Binder, Butcher, Copeland, Conrad, Dunk, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Griscom, Gay, Green, Houseman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Larzalere, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Shuster, Smith, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Balch, Bumm, Cresswell, Dennis, Giller, Grove, Martien, Matthews, Norton, Read, Wagner.

Yeas 28 ; nays 11.

Which was agreed to.

The seventh division was agreed to.

The section was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and cleansing the City, for the purpose therein mentioned."

SAMUEL COPELAND,

Chairman.

Committee Room, Feb. 8, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section being under consideration,

Mr. Binder

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed for the present.

Pending this question,

Mr. Martien

Moved a call of the house.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport,

Dennis, Dougherty, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gay, Green, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Laws, Larzalere, Martien, Matthews, Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Read, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.—43.

On agreeing to the motion of Mr. Binder,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Giller and Norton.

And, being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Green, Hoffman, Hacker, Mercer, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, Read, Stuart, Shuster, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Copeland, Dougherty, Griscom, Gay, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Matthews, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter.

Yeas 25 ; nays 13.

Which was agreed to.

The hour of 7 having arrived, on the question of adjournment, the yeas and nays being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Bumm, Boswell, Copeland, Cresswell, Conrad, Dougherty, Dubree, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Magarge, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Shuster, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Dunk, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gay, Green, Hoffman, Mercer, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Read, Stuart, Wagner.

Yeas 17 ; nays 20.

There being less than two-thirds voting in the negative,

It was agreed to, and

Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 15th, 1855.

Council met—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Austin,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bumm,
Boyle,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Copeland,
Cowell,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Green,
Gratz,
Houseman,
Hoffman,

Messrs. Horn,
Hacker,
Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Lloyd,
Larzalere,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Magarge,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Pomeroy,
Parham,
Painter,
Preston,
Read,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Scheetz,
Shuster,
Smith,
Stallman,
Verree,
Watt,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President.*

Mr. Bumm

Moved that the reading of the Journal of last meeting be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gratz (on leave granted)

Made a personal explanation in reference to the remarks made by a member at the last meeting, and during his absence, in connection with the claim of Lane Schofield against the City, on account of work done at the Thompson street culvert.

Mr. O'Neill (on leave granted),

After frequent interruptions, replied to the remarks of Mr. Gratz, after which

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from property owners on Bedford street, between Broad and Seventeenth streets, asking that said street may be paved.

Mr. Newell

Presented a communication from John Breidagaon, proposing to cleanse and repair the streets of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, and Twentieth Wards.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Giller

Presented several petitions from citizens, asking that the name of Shippen street may be changed to Bainbridge street.

Mr. Martien

Presented a communication from A. H. Fish, soliciting the appointment of Vaccine Physician.

Which were laid on the table.

Mr. Hacker

Presented a petition from the Board of Managers of the Foster Home Association, asking for an appropriation of \$1000, in accordance with the Act of Assembly (passed March 23, 1854).

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Painter

Presented a communication from Thomas P. Parry, Captain of the Washington Grays, inviting Councils to the public reception, in Independence Hall, of the "Richmond Light Infantry Blues," on the morning of the 22d inst.

Which was accepted.

Mr. Hoppel

Presented bills of Messrs. Dialogue and Serrill, for hose furnished the Carroll, Kensington, and William Penn Hose Companies.

Mr. Hilles

Presented a petition from the Rescue Hook and Ladder Company of Aramingo, in the Twenty-third Ward, asking for an appropriation of \$150.

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Hoppel

Presented bills of Messrs. Dialogue and Serrill, to repairing hose for Moyamensing, Northern Liberties, Kensington and Southwark Markets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Markets.

Mr. Bumm

Presented a petition from the Trustees of the Port Richmond Methodist Episcopal Church, asking for an appropriation of \$150.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hilles

Presented petitions from a large number of citizens of Frankford (Twenty-third Ward), asking for a larger supply of water.

Mr. Wagner

Presented a petition from Jacob Mehl, asking payment for damages his property sustained by reason of the change of a stream of water, authorized by the late Borough of Germantown (Twenty-second Ward).

Also,

One from the same person, relative to a stone bridge erected over said stream of water, crossing Penn street.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Hilles

Presented a bill (Robert Ferguson) of \$63 75, for one month's salary, as Superintendent of Frankford Gas Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The President

Submitted a communication from J. Edgar Thompson, President of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, setting forth that he had been instructed by the Board to inform Councils that James Tennent and Peter Fritz, two of the three gentlemen chosen by the City Councils as Directors to represent the stock of the City of Philadelphia in said Company are ineligible, in consequence of not possessing the requisite number of shares of stock at the time of their election.

Which was read, when

Mr. Giller

Offered the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia in joint meeting on the 30th of November, last, did according to law, elect James Tennent and Peter

Fritz directors in the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, to represent the stock held by the City in said Corporation, notwithstanding which the Board of Directors of said Company have refused to admit them to their seats. And whereas, it is deemed of paramount importance, that the large interest held by this City in said Corporation, should be fully and fairly represented in the Board of Directors. Therefore,

Resolved, That the recent action of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in excluding James Tennent and Peter Fritz from seats to which they were fairly and legally elected, is an unwarrantable assumption of power, at variance with law and that proper sense of propriety which should characterize the action of the board toward the City authorities, and subversive of the best interests of the Corporation.

Resolved, That in setting aside or rendering nugatory the election of the above named individuals, and thereby striking out five millions of stock from a proper representation, the Board have evinced, not only an utter disregard and contempt for the action of Council, but a manifest injustice towards the legal rights of the City.

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be instructed to take immediate measures to bring the subject before the Supreme Court, in order to test the validity of the high handed course pursued by the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

On agreeing to the motion to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the resolutions,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Butcher and Giller.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Dunk, Davenport, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Green, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, O'Neill, Parham, Painter, Preston, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Verree, Wagner, Diehl,
President.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyle, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Cresswell, Corlies, Dennis, Dougherty, Gay, Hacker, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd.

Yeas 38 ; nays 15.

Which was agreed to.

The first resolution was read, when

Mr. Boswell

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed, and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Pomeroy and Giller.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Bishop, Balch, Boyle, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Cresswell, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gay, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hilles, Hassinger, Mercer, Martien, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Read, Stuart, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Address, Berry, Bumm, Binder, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Hoppel, Lloyd, Moran, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, Parham, Painter, Preston, Roberts, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Watt.

Yeas 27 ; nays 30.

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution.

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Giller and Martien.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Address, Berry, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Dunk, Davenport, Giller, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Larzallere, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Parham, Painter, Preston, Smith.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Boyle, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Cresswell, Corlies, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Gray, Griscom, Gay,

Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Martien, Magarge, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Stallman, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 19; nays 40.

Which was not agreed to.

The second resolution was read, and the question being on agreeing to the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Giller and Norton.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Berry, Binder, Davenport, Giller, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Larzalere, Manuel, Norton, Parham, Painter, Smith.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Bishop, Balch, Boyle, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Cresswell, Corlies, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Gray, Griscom, Gay, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Martien, Magarge, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Stallman, Verree, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 14; nays 41.

Which was not agreed to.

The third resolution being under consideration.

Mr. Martien

Moved to amend the same on the fourth and fifth lines by striking out the words "high handed" course pursued by the board.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hassinger

Moved further to amend by striking out the entire fifth line, and insert in lieu thereof the words, "election by Councils."

Which was agreed to.

Resolution as amended was agreed to, to wit :

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be instructed to take

legal measures to bring the subject before the Supreme Court in order to test the validity of the election of Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad by Councils.

The preamble being under consideration,

Mr. Hacker

Moved to amend the same on the third line by striking out the words, "according to law."

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Boswell

Moved further to amend on the ninth line after the word "Board," by adding the words "on account of their, alleged ineligibility."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Giller and Smith,

And, being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Balch, Boyle, Butcher Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Cresswell, Dennis, Dougherty, Eastwick, Griscom, Gay, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Larzalere, Martien, Magarge, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Stuart, Shuster, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Bishop, Binder, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Gillingham, Green, Houseman, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Parham, Painter, Roberts, Smith, Stallman.

Yeas 32 ; nays 20.

Which was agreed to.

Mr Boswell

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the preamble be postponed and referred, together with the resolution, and communication from the Railroad Company, to the Committee on Railroads.

Which was not agreed to.

The preamble as amended was then agreed to.

The President

Submitted a communication from the Shiffler Hose Com-

pany, asking for an appropriation of \$150; also, an extra appropriation of \$500, to aid in rebuilding the Hose House, which was destroyed by the storm of the 22d January last.

Which was referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

A communication from Joseph Heritage, M.D., soliciting the appointment of Vaccine Physician for the Third Ward.

Which was laid on the table.

Also,

One from James M'Caraher, asking to be paid the sum of \$75, for assisting in registering the unpaid taxes of the different Wards, Townships, &c., of the City and County of Philadelphia, for the year 1853.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A communication from a number of citizens, remonstrating against the passage of the bill relating to hackney-coaches, &c.

The reading of which was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,

A communication from Isaac Hazlehurst, Esq., City Solicitor, stating that, in accordance with the resolution of Common Council, of January 13th, directing him to take measures to protect the interests of the City, in the matter of the application of Mr. Tatham and others to the Legislature, for the enactment of a law to vest in them the Commonwealth's title to Windmill Island, he had caused the City to be represented before the Judiciary Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the substance of the argument of counsel of the City will be found in the enclosed pamphlet. Notwithstanding the objections therein set forth, the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives have reported a bill to vest in Mr. Tatham and

others the title of the Commonwealth to the Island, and that bill is now before the Legislature, a copy of which is here with submitted.

All of which were referred to the Committee on Law.

Also,

A communication from C. Johnson, Secretary of a meeting of citizens, remonstrating against the passage of the bill to license and regulate pawnbrokers; and asking that the same may be referred to a Committee of Conference, in order that they may have an opportunity of being heard.

Which was laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from the William Penn Hose Company, relative to the Ordinance passed by Councils, reorganizing the Fire Department of the City.

Which was referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

The following message was received from the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, February 15, 1855. }

To the President and members of the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—I have approved and signed the following Ordinances, viz:

An Ordinance entitled, “an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and cleansing the City, to pay certain contracts.”

An Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor for the year 1855.”

An Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Clerks of Councils for the year 1855.”

An Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Wharves and Landings.”

An Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for expenses incurred in lighting the

City, and for materials furnished for, and labor performed at the Spring Garden and Frankford Gas Works."

An Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the payment of certain claims for materials furnished to the Spring Garden Gas Works."

An Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Departments of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and cleansing the City, for the payment of the damages assessed for the opening of Delaware Avenue from Willow street to Cohocksink Creek, and from Callowhill to Willow streets.

A supplement to an Ordinance approved August 29th, 1854, entitled "An Ordinance establishing the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and cleansing the City."

R. T. CONRAD,

Mayor.

Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Hacker,

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses."

WM. P. HACKER,

Chairman.

Committee Room, Feb. 15, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled " An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with water."

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Feb. 15, 1855.

Which was read, and

On motion,

The further reading and consideration of the same was postponed for the present.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled " An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the department of the City Controller.

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Feb. 15, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Copeland,

From the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying resolutions.

SAMUEL COPELAND,

Chairman.

Committee Room, Feb. 15, 1855.

Resolved, That for the purpose of public cleansing, the city shall be divided into the following districts :

No. 1. The paved streets used for cartways in the First, Second, Third and Fourth Wards, lying east of and including Passyunk Road.

No. 2. The same description of streets in the First, Second, Third and Fourth Wards, lying west of Passyunk Road.

No. 3. The same description of streets in the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Wards, including the whole of Vine and South Streets.

No. 4. The same description of streets in the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, and Twentieth Wards.

No. 5. The same description of streets in the Eleventh, Twelfth, Sixteenth, and Seventeenth Wards, including the whole of the streets bounding the same on the west and north.

No. 6. The same description of streets in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be and he is hereby authorized to advertise in at least three daily newspapers, for the space of two weeks, that proposals will be received for contracting to cleanse the said Districts, except No. 3, separately, for one year. The said notice shall describe the aforesaid Districts, and shall specify in full the duties that will be required to be performed as to cleansing and washing the streets, market-houses, and sewer inlets in each District, and that security will be required of each contractor for the faithful performance of his contract.

Resolved, That before awarding the contracts, the Chief Commissioner of Highways shall submit all the proposals

received by him to the Committee on the Department of Highways, &c., for their inspection.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the first resolution.

Which was agreed to.

The second resolution was agreed to.

The third resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Balch

Moved to amend the same by striking out the words, "to the Committee on the Department of Highways," &c., and insert in lieu thereof, "to Councils."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Moran

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the resolution be postponed for the present.

Which was not agreed to.

The resolution as amended was then agreed to.

Mr. Green

Moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet tomorrow afternoon, at three o'clock.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Moran and Andress.

And, being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Balch, Boswell, Dunk, Gibson, Giller, Gillingham, Green, Horn, Hubbard, Hasinger, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Stuart, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Boyle, Binder, Copeland, Cresswell, Corlies, Davenport, Dubree, Griscom, Gay, Hoffman, Hacker, Hilles, Shuster.

Yeas 22 ; nays 14.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Balch,

From the Committee on Police, presented the following:
To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Police beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Police Department, for the purposes therein mentioned."

EDWARD GRATZ,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Feb. 15, 1855.

Which was read, and

The hour of seven having arrived,

Mr. Boswell

Moved that we do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to, and

Council adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 16th, 1855.

Council met this afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.
Members present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Austin,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dougherty,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Green,

Messrs. Houseman,
Hoffinan,
Hacker,
Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hassinger,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Pomeroy,
Parham,
Painter,
Stuart,
Scheetz,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President*.

On motion,

Council resumed the consideration of the bill making an appropriation to the Police Department.

The bill being on second reading,

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Balch,

From the Committee on Police, presented the following :
To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Police beg leave to submit the accompanying resolution.

EDWARD GRATZ,

Committee Room, Feb. 16, 1855.

Chairman.

Resolved, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorised to purchase, for a police station, a certain lot of ground, with the buildings thereon, situate on the north side of Shippen street, at the distance of 300 feet from the corner of Fifth street, containing in front on said Shippen street about twenty feet, and extending in depth about 120 feet to Bedford street, in the Fourth Ward, provided the cost of the same shall not exceed two thousand four hundred dollars.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

The question being on agreeing to the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gibson and Painter.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Balch, Binder, Conrad, Dunk,

Davenport, Eastwick, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Houseman, Hoppel, Moran, Matthews, Norton, Stuart, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Bishop, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Dougherty, Gibson, Gray, Green, Hoffman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hassinger, Martien, Manuel, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Scheetz.

Yeas 18 ; nays 22.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Martien,

From the Committee on Trusts, &c., presented the following :

The Committee on Trusts, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purposes therein mentioned."

J. W. MARTIEN,
Chairman.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also,

Made a report, accompanied by the following resolution :

The Committees of Police and Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the supervision of the proposals for Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, as authorised by Councils, respectfully submit the said proposals, and report, That all the proposals received by the Mayor were opened

at a joint meeting of the two Committees, held on the 26th of January last; and after the consideration of the numerous proposals received, it was

Resolved, That the proposition of Messrs. Purdy, Phillips and Robinson, for a Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, at a cost not to exceed the sum of thirty-six thousand three hundred dollars, be recommended to Councils as the best for the interest of the city.

The Committee therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the Mayor be authorized to contract with Purdy, Phillips & Robinson to construct a Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, in accordance with their proposition, provided the cost does not exceed the sum of thirty-six thousand three hundred dollars.

J. W. MARTIEN,

Committee Room, Feb. 15, 1855.

Chairman.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Gibson

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed.

And after some time had been spent in the discussion of this question,

Mr Gray

Called for the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising:

Messrs. Balch, Berry, Boswell, Butcher, Eastwick, Gray, Hoffman, Hubbard, Moran, and Pomeroy.

The question being shall the main question be now put, The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill and Hoppel.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Bish-

op, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gray, Gillingham, Houseman, Hoffman, Hacker, Hubbard, Moran, Martien, Newell, Pomeroy, Parham, Stuart, Scheetz, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Conrad, Gibson, Giller, Green, Hoppel, Hassinger, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Painter, Wagner.

Yeas 28 ; nays 11.

It was agreed to.

The main question being to postpone the Resolution,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel and Martien.

And being ordered, were as follows :

When the name of Mr. Hoppel was called, he asked permission to give his reasons for the vote he was about to cast.

The Chairman, (Mr. Hassinger), decided that under the call of the previous question a member could not state his reasons.

Mr. Hoppel

Then appealed from the decision of the Chair.

And the Chair decided that the appeal could not be entertained while the roll was being called.

The Clerk proceeded to call the roll, which was as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Austin, Boswell, Dougherty, Gibson, Green, Houseman, Hoppel, Parham, Painter, Scheetz.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Eastwick, Giller, Gray, Gillingham, Hoffman, Hacker, Hubbard, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Stuart, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 10 ; nays 30.

So it was not agreed to.

Mr. Hoppel

Then appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The Chairman then left his seat, and the President resumed the chair, and requested the appeal to be made in writing, and signed by two members, which was as follows :

The Chair decides that under the previous question members have no right to give their reasons for casting their votes ; it is from this decision we appeal.

A. F. HOPPEL,
A. W. GREEN.

The President directed the yeas and nays to be called, and were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Address, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Gillingham, Green, Houseman, Hoffman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Stuart, Scheetz, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Matthews, Painter.

Yeas 35 ; nays 2.

So the Chair was sustained.

The question recurring on the resolution, and on agreeing to the same, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Martien and Hoffman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Address, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Eastwick, Giller, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Houseman, Hoffman, Hacker, Hassinger, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Pomeroy, Stuart, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Binder, Butcher, Dougherty, Gibson, Green, Hubbard, Hoppel, Mammel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Painter, Scheetz.

Yeas 26 ; nays 15.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Green,

From the Committee on Poor, presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Poor beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to organize the Department of the Poor."

CHARLES MAGARGE,

Committee Room, Feb. 16, 1855.

Chairman.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed, and printed for the use of members.

Which was not agreed to.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

Section fifth being under consideration,

Mr. O'Neill

Moved a call of the house.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Green, Houseman, Hoffman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Stuart, Scheetz, Wagner, Diehl, *President*—39.

The section was then agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Presented the following as the sixth section :

“The said Board of Guardians shall be required to keep an account with all the Poor Districts in Pennsylvania of all the out-door relief furnished in behalf of paupers having a settlement therein according to the several Acts of Assembly of this Commonwealth.”

Which was agreed to.

Section seventh was agreed to.

Section eighth was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Gillingham,

From the Committee on Port Wardens, &c., presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Wharves, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled “A supplement to an Ordinance approved December 7, 1854, entitled ‘An Ordinance to organize the Department of Wharves and Landings.’”

S. S. BISHOP,

Committee Room, Feb. 16, 1855.

Chairman.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Moran

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed for the present.

Which was not agreed to.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying Resolution.

S. S. BISHOP,

Committee Room, Feb. 16, 1855.

Chairman.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings be authorised to have the Dock at Walnut street wharf (Delaware) cleansed, and the wharf at Chestnut street (Delaware) repaired, wharf at Bridesburg repaired, and counting house at Christian street wharf repaired under the supervision of the Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings and Wharves.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Newell,

From the Committee on Market Houses, made report, accompanied by the following resolution :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The resolution referred to the Committee on Market-Houses, to report a tariff of prices for the rent of stalls in the Broad street and Race street markets, and also report the time they would recommend the removal of the market sheds in Market street, west of Broad, has received the attention of the Committee; and they respectfully report, that, owing to the location of the market-houses on Broad and Race streets, the renting of the stalls could not be effected to the advantage of the city revenue, or the convenience of the public, who would depend upon these markets for their supplies, unless the market sheds west of Broad street, and the stands on Market street west of Tenth street,

are removed. So long as they remain, the farmers, butchers, and others, would not be induced to rent the stalls in the aforesaid markets. They offer the accompanying resolution, and ask its adoption.

ROBERT NEWELL,

Committee Room, Jan. 30, 1855.

Chairman.

Resolved, That the Committee on Market Houses be instructed to introduce an Ordinance for the removal of the market sheds in Market street west of Broad, and for the vacating of Market street west of Tenth, as a stand for market wagons ; also for the erecting of market sheds on the lot of ground bounded by Spruce and Pine streets, and Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, purchased of John M'Crea.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Martien

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed, and recommitted to the Committee on Market Houses.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Markets is hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending Washington Market in Shippen street, from Fifth to Eighth street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Market Houses.

Mr. Abbey

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Controllors of the Public Schools of the First School District be requested to furnish Councils with a statement of the yearly salaries now paid the

several grades of Teachers, from the principal of the High School down to the lowest Primary School, and also the average yearly cost for each pupil for Books and Stationery furnished them out of the School fund.

Which was read twice and passed.

Mr. Andress

Offered the following:

Resolved, That when this Council adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next, 20th inst., at three o'clock, P.M.

Which was read twice and passed.

Mr. Norton

Moved a call of the house.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Gillingham, Green, Houseman, Hoffman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Parham, Stuart, Scheetz, Wagner, Diehl, *President*—37.

The names of the absentees being called, were as follows:

Messrs. Bishop, Bumm, Boyle, Copeland, Cowell, Corlies, Crispin, Dennis, Dubree, Grove, Griscom, Gay, Gratz, Graeff, Harper, Horn, Hilles, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Magarge, O'Neill, Powell, Painter, Preston, Read, Randall, Rhoads, Roberts, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Taylor, Verrec, Watt, Wickersham—37.

There being less than a quorum present, the Sergeant-at-Arms was ordered to close the doors, and allow no member to leave the chamber without permission from the Chair, and was then sent in search of absentees, who returned in a short time, and reported that none could be found.

Mr. Hacker

Moved that we do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to, and

Council adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 20, 1855.

Council met this afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.
Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Austin,
Berry,
Bishop,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Cowell,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Griscom,
Gay,
Green,
Houseman,
Hoffman,
Horn,
Hubbard,

Messrs. Hilles,
Hassinger,
Lloyd,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Pomeroy,
Parham,
Painter,
Preston,
Read,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Scheetz,
Shuster,
Smith,
Stallman,
Verree,
Watt,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President.*

Mr. Verree

Offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the President of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company be requested to inform the Select and Common Council whether any, and if any, what means have been taken to collect the overdue and unpaid instalments to the stock of the Company, and if no means, other than a mere call through the newspapers, has been already taken, whether it is the intention of the Company to do so.

Resolved, That that officer be also requested to state, as soon as he can conveniently, whether any contract has been made with John A. Gamble, or any other party or parties, to grade or build this Road from Williamsport or Lockhaven towards the harbor of Erie ; and if any such contract has been entered into between the Railroad Company and any party for that purpose, to state at what rates the same has been made, the time at which it is to be finished, and the time and manner of payment. And, also, whether the same was given in consideration of any agreement or understanding to secure the payment of the subscription to the stock of the Company by Crane, Dillon & Co., or any other parties. Whether any public notice had been given inviting proposals for doing the work, at such time and in such manner as is usual amongst Railroad Companies, and also, whether any financial agent has been appointed to visit Europe for the purpose of negotiating the bonds of the said Company, or for any other purpose connected with its financial affairs.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolutions.

The first resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Newell

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Newell and Pomeroy.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Address, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Cowell, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Gay, Green, Hubbard, Lloyd, Moran, Newell, Pomeroy, Preston, Roberts, Scheetz, Stallman, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Davenport, Eastwick, Gibson, Houseman, Horn, Hilles, Hassinger, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Stuart, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 20 ; nays 23.

It was not agreed to.

The resolution was then agreed to.

The second resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Mercer

Offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The business of this chamber has been frequently retarded by members making long speeches. Therefore,

Resolved, That in order to expedite the public business, from and after the passage of this resolution, no member shall be allowed to speak more than five minutes upon any one subject, (without the unanimous consent of Councils,) and that the President, or in his absence the Chairman, shall strictly enforce the resolution.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to amend the same on the fifth line by striking out the word "unanimous."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Matthews

Moved further to amend by adding the following proviso :

“ *Provided*, That the time occupied by interruptions from members rising to explain, shall not be counted as a part of the five minutes.”

Which, together with the preamble and resolution, were subsequently withdrawn.

Mr. O'Neill

Offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The time has arrived when Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth streets, are no longer of a width sufficient to accommodate the public, whose business, pleasure or health may require them to pass from the late Districts of Kensington, Northern Liberties or Richmond, or the late Boroughs of Frankford and Germantown, to the old City—inasmuch as great delay and loss of time is occasioned by the frequent meetings of omnibusses and other vehicles, thereby obstructing the free passage of the Public Highways. Therefore,

Resolved, That a Joint Special Committee of three, from each Chamber, be appointed to inquire into the expediency and practicability of laying a single track of railway on Fourth street, from Lehigh Avenue in the Nineteenth Ward, to Washington street in the Second Ward ; along Washington street to Fifth street, along Fifth street to Lehigh Avenue to the place of beginning—and report the same to Councils as soon as possible.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Moran

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same, be postponed and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Martien

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be authorized to place two gas lamps in Race street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets; and one gas lamp in the street running parallel with Race street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets; and one in the street running east of Twentieth street, north of Race street.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Newell

Moved to amend the same by adding the words, "and one in State street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets."

Which was accepted.

Mr. Pomeroy

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the resolution be postponed, and referred to the Committee on Police.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Butcher

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk of Common Council be authorized to draw a warrant for forty dollars, in favor of James Miller, for measuring the water-pipe laid by Messrs. Birkinbine & Trotter in the Twenty-fourth Ward, measured by order of the Joint Special Committee of Councils.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Abbey

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Butcher,

From the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom were referred sundry petitions from citizens of Frankford, in the Twenty-third Ward, asking that additional public wells may be constructed to furnish the necessary supply of water for the extinguishing of fires, report:

That after due consideration your Committee are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, and they annex a resolution authorizing the construction of four wells, which they recommend Councils to pass.

THOMAS T. BUTCHER,

Committee Room, Feb. 20, 1855.

Chairman.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be, and he is hereby authorized to cause four wells to be constructed in the Borough of Frankford, Twenty-third Ward. Said wells to serve as reservoirs for supplying water for the extinguishment of fires, in districts not supplied by wells now in use.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following:

Resolved, That all meetings of Common Council called at 3 o'clock, P. M., shall regularly adjourn whenever the hour of 7 shall arrive, unless two-thirds of the members present shall decide otherwise, before the hour of 7 shall arrive.

Mr. Andress

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the resolution be postponed, and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Boswell

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways, Bridges, &c., be, and he is hereby directed to lay before Councils, such plans and estimates for the erection of a bridge over the river Schuylkill, beginning at the foot of Chestnut street, as are in his possession.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Stallman

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be, and is hereby directed to notify the owners of property along the Chestnut Hill and Spring-house turnpike, in the Twenty-second Ward, to the County line, that they shall curb and pave the side-walks within ninety days.

Which was read twice and passed.

Mr. Wagner

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be instructed to report to Councils a plan for altering or enlarging the office or rooms now used by the Recorder of Deeds for this City and County, for the better accommodation and security of the Records now contained in said office.

Which was referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Gay

Offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, A landing on the Delaware at Cumberland street, is much wanted, and by an increase of the wharf, would yield a considerable revenue to the City ; and whereas, the Port Wardens have granted a permit to the Commissioners of the late District of Richmond, to increase the same, and when part constructed by the contractor, an injunction was granted. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Wharves and Landings be hereby instructed to take into consideration the above subject, the history of all matters relating thereto, between the Reading Railroad Company and the Commissioners of the District of Richmond, and report to Councils as early as convenient.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Select Council informs this Council that they have passed the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The room known as Independence Hall, in which was signed the Declaration of American Independence, has been renovated, re-furnished, and a large number of portraits of distinguished men of the Revolution placed upon its walls. Be it, therefore,

Resolved, That when Councils adjourn, they adjourn to meet in Independence Hall, at 3 o'clock, P. M., on Thursday, the 22d inst., the birth day of Washington, and that the Presidents of Councils be, and they are hereby requested to invite his honor the Mayor of the City to be present and deliver an address suitable to the occasion of opening the said Hall to the public.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Martien

Moved to amend the same on the second line after the word "meet," by striking out the word "in," and insert in lieu thereof, the words "at 2½ o'clock, in their respective chambers, for the purpose of proceeding to the."

Which was agreed to.

And the resolution as amended was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Select Council informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Highways be, and he is hereby directed to grade and regulate the water courses in Bowman street, in the Twenty-second Ward, at as early a day as practicable.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Mayor of the City be authorized, in addition to the bells of Christ and St. Peter's Churches, to have the bells of St. Stephen's Church rung as provided by resolution of Councils, passed February 11th, 1847, and the said bells shall be rung at intervals of ten minutes during the day.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Police Committee be instructed to report an ordinance to Councils providing for the removal from the foot pavements in the improved portions of the City of snow, hail, sleet and ice.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Controller be directed to employ Joseph Plankinton to audit the accounts of Wm. P. Hamm, former Register of Gas, in the late District of Spring Garden.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Boswell

Moved to amend the same by striking out the words

“Joseph Plankinton,” and insert in lieu thereof, the words
“some suitable person.”

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Moran

Moved that the resolution be laid on the table.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by
Messrs. Dennis and Newell.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Address, Austin, Berry, Bishop,
Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Davenport,
Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gay, Houseman,
Horn, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Mercer, Moran, Manuel,
Norton, O'Neill, Painter, Preston, Scheetz, Stallman, Watt,
Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Dougherty, Eastwick, Lloyd, Mat-
thews, Newell, Pomeroy, Read, Shuster, Wagner.

Yeas 33 ; nays 9.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had passed a bill entitled “An or-
dinance to make an appropriation for the use of the Girard
College for Orphans.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consid-
eration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and
passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had passed a bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation out of the income of the Girard Estate for the purposes therein mentioned."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had passed a bill entitled "An Ordinance relating to wagons, carts, drays, and barrows."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

Section fifth being under consideration,

Mr. Norton

Moved to amend the same by striking out the "proviso."

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section sixth was agreed to.

Section seventh was agreed to.

Section eighth was agreed to.

Section ninth was agreed to.

Section tenth was agreed to.

Section eleventh was agreed to.

Section twelfth was agreed to.

Mr. Martien

Moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the amendment offered by Mr. Norton to the fifth section was adopted.

Which was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Norton

Moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the fourth section was adopted

And on the motion being agreed to,

Moved to amend the same on the sixth line, by striking out two dollars, and insert in lieu thereof, one dollar.

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Offered the following as the thirteenth section.

“ All wagons, carts, or vehicles used for hawking any sort of produce of lands, bays and rivers, upon any of the streets or highways, shall be required to be registered and pay a license of three dollars per annum, provided they shall be allowed to occupy any stand provided for the sale of produce.”

Mr. Dennis

Moved to amend the same, by striking out three dollars, and insert in lieu thereof, five dollars.

Mr. Butcher

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the section,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dennis and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Cresswell, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Pomeroy, Stuart, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Address, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Binder, Butcher, Conrad, Davenport, Eastwick, Gay, Green, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Hilles, Matthews, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Painter, Read, Roberts, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Wagner.

Yeas 13 ; nays 27.

It was not agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerks of Councils be directed to cause the minute books of the late Municipal Corporations to be collected, and deposited in the Committee Room, for inspection and reference, and provide suitable arrangements for their preservation and convenient access.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Grove

Moved to amend the same, on the third line, after the word "books," by adding the words, "and papers."

Which was agreed to.

The resolution as amended was agreed to.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be requested to inquire into the practicability and expediency of disposing of so much of the city property as does not yield any revenue.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr Norton

Moved to amend the same at the end thereof, by adding the words "except the Public Squares and Parks."

Which was agreed to.

And the resolution as amended was agreed to.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Chief of the Watering Department be, and he is hereby authorized, to permit the Artillery Corps of Washington Grays, Captain Parry, to occupy the large room at Fairmount, on the 22d inst., for the purpose of entertaining their guests, the Light Infantry Richmond Blues, on the occasion of their visit to the Fairmount Works on that day.

Which was read twice, and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be empowered to demand of Mr. Charles Peale, late Clerk of the late Board of Commissioners of the District of Richmond,

the minute books, records, and papers, in his possession, as Clerk of the late Board; also the proof, fixtures and furniture of the office of the said Clerk, belonging to the said District, and deposite the same in the Clerk's office of the Consolidated City.

Which was read twice, and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had received the Report of the Committee of Visitation to Girard College, for the month of December, and transmit the same for information.

Which was read, and laid on the table.

Also,

Informed that they had concurred in the bill, entitled, "An Ordinance relating to horses, cows, sheep, goats, and other animals running at large."

With an amendment, to wit, strike out the word "two" in third section, and insert in lieu thereof, the word "one."

Common Council concurred in the amendment.

Also,

Informed that they had concurred in the resolution, relative to the pay of Clerk hire, in the contested election case of the Nineteenth Ward, with the following amendments, to wit: add after the word "appropriated" in the second line, the words "to Samuel Wallace," and have added to the end thereof, the words, "Which shall be paid out of the appropriation made to the Clerks of Councils for the expenses thereof."

Common Council concurred in the amendments.

Also,

Informed that they had concurred in the resolution, relative to the Committee on Claims, inquiring whether any bills for printing have been paid without being incurred by proper authority, with an amendment, to wit, add after the word "printing" in the third line, the words "or for extra Clerk hire."

Common Council concurred in the amendment.

Also,

Informed that they have had under consideration, the amendments made by the Common Council to the bill, to license and regulate Pawnbrokers, and refuse to concur in the same ; thereupon

Mr. Norton

Moved that this Council do insist on its amendments.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they had received a report from the Committee on Health, with an accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for gratuitous vaccination."

Which they have passed.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Mr. Boswell

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed and printed for the use of members.

Which was not agreed to.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Second third being under consideration,

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to amend the same by striking out the words "indigent circumstances."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Abbey

Moved further to amend the section, at the end thereof, by adding the words "for their own use."

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended, was agreed to.

Section fourth being under consideration,

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to amend the same, by striking out the words "Mayor's Clerk," and insert in lieu thereof, "Clerk of the Board of Health."

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended, was agreed to.

Section fifth being under consideration,

Mr. Moran

Moved to amend the same by striking out "\$50," and insert in lieu thereof "\$100."

Mr. Eastwick

Moved an amendment to the amendment, by striking out "\$100," and insert "\$150."

Which was accepted.

Mr. Giller

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed for the present.

Which was not agreed to.

The amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Moran

Moved further to amend by striking out "\$50," and insert "\$100."

Which was not agreed to.

The section was then agreed to.

Section sixth was agreed to.

Mr. Parham

Moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the second section was adopted.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Moved to amend the same on the fourteenth line, after the word "elected," by adding the words "and who shall reside therein."

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended, was agreed to.

Mr. Boswell

Moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the second section was adopted, for the purpose of offering an amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council

Informed this Council that they had received a communication from Andrew Mathews, relative to a claim for services as foreman of laborers under Joseph White, Supervisor of the Seventh Ward, which they transmit for information, and have referred the same to a joint Special Committee of three from each chamber, and have appointed Messrs. Hinman, Sandgran and Hague.

Messrs. Martien, Matthews and Read were appointed on behalf of Common Council.

Also,

Informed that they have had under consideration, the resolution passed by Common Council on Dec. 16th last, relative to the Railroad from Eighth and Market, to its terminus at Dock street, and had adopted the following amendment: strike out all after the word "resolved," and insert the following, to wit: "That the Commissioners of Highways, under the supervision of the Committee on Highways, be directed to report to Councils a plan and estimate of a Railroad to be constructed along Market street, eastwardly

from Third street to Second, or Front streets, and thence southwardly to the most eligible route to reach the Delaware front."

Common Council non-concurred in the amendment.

Also,

Informed that they had concurred in the bill, entitled "An Ordinance to organize the department of the poor, with an amendment, to wit, in the fifth section, strike out the word "March" where it occurs, and insert in lieu thereof, the word "January."

Common Council concurred in the amendment.

Mr. Griscom,

Chairman of the Joint Special Committee, to whom was referred the joint resolution, relative to the City voting the stock held in the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company, made report (see Appendix, No. 12,) accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which was read twice and passed.

Mr. Giller

Moved that Council do now resume the consideration of the bill making an appropriation to the City Commissioners.

Which was agreed to.

The bill being on second reading,

Mr. Giller

Moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the first section was adopted.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Moved to amend the same, at the end thereof, by adding the following:

"To pay for stationery purchased, \$709 44.

To pay C. Mason, for six months salary, as Superintendent of Girard Avenue Bridge, at \$90 per month, \$544.

To pay Peter Bobb, for bricks, \$70 50.

To pay Samuel Simmons, for bricklaying at County buildings, \$500.

To pay James Owens \$50, and John Brock \$115, for services about the Courts and Court houses, in 1854.

For salaries of the City Commissioners, Clerks in the Department, and Superintendent and Messenger in the same, for July 1, 1854, to December 31, 1855, \$14775 00.

To pay F. W. Thomas, for advertising Sheriff's Proclamation, for the elections of June and October, 1854, \$300."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Andress

Moved further to amend the section, by striking out the thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh lines.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Giller

Moved further to amend, on the second and third lines, by striking out "\$131,475 11," and insert in lieu thereof, "\$148,410 55."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Boswell

Moved further to amend, on the seventeenth line, by striking out the words "twenty-four," and inserting in lieu thereof, "twenty."

Which was not agreed to,

The section as amended was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Newell

Presented the bill of Jacob W. Colladay, for carpenter work done at Independence Hall, repairs, &c., amounting to the sum of \$556 39.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Giller,

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance, approved January 24, 1855," entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the Corporation."

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Feb. 20, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Gibson

Moved that Council do now proceed to the consideration of the bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and cleansing the City."

Which was agreed to.

The bill being on second reading,

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Martien

Moved to amend the same, by striking out the "twenty-ninth, thirtieth, and thirty-first lines."

On this question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs Giller and Hoffman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Butcher, Boswell, Davenport, Dennis, Eastwick, Gibson, Grove, Green, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Pomeroy, Read, Shuster, Verree, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Binder, Cresswell, Conrad, Dubree, Giller, Gay, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Norton, Parham, Painter, Roberts, Stuart, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 19 ; nays 21.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Moved further to amend on the thirty-ninth and fortieth lines, by striking out the words " November 1," and insert " December 30."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that Council do now adjourn.

On this question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Painter and Hoffman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Davenport, Dubree, Gay, Green, Lloyd, Manuel, O'Neill, Parham, Painter, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Binder, Dennis, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hilles, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 18 ; nays 24.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Giller

Moved a reconsideration, and the vote by which the amendment offered by Mr. Martien was not agreed to.

Which was agreed to.

The question being, on agreeing to the amendment.

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Giller and Martien.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS — Messrs. Andress, Berry, Butcher, Boswell, Davenport, Dennis, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Green, Horn, Hubbard, Hilles, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Newell, Pomeroy, Read, Shuster, Verree, Wagner.

NAYS — Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Binder, Cresswell, Conrad, Dubree, Gay, Houseman, Hoffinan, Hassinger, Lloyd, Norton, O'Neill, Parham, Painter, Roberts, Stuart, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 25 ; nays 18.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Giller

Moved further to amend on the second line, by striking out the word “ ninety,” and insert in lieu thereof, the words “ eighty-nine.”

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hilles

Moved further to amend the section at the end thereof, by adding the words, “ except such obligations as are payable in bonds.”

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Martien

Moved that we do now adjourn.

On this question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Matthews and Hoffman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Butcher, Cresswell, Conrad, Davenport, Dennis, Dubrec, Eastwick, Gibson, Gay, Green, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Painter, Read, Stuart, Shuster, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bishop, Binder, Boswell, Giller, Hoffman, Mercer, Manuel, Norton, Pomeroy, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas ; 27 nays 12.

Which was agreed to, and

Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 22d, 1855.

Council met, pursuant to adjournment, at half-past two o'clock, P. M.—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bumm,
Boyle,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Cowell,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Green,
Graeff,
Houseman,

Messrs. Horn,
Hacker,
Hubbard,
Hassinger,
Lloyd,
Larzalere,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Powell,
Pomeroy,
Painter,
Stuart,
Scheetz,
Shuster,
Smith,
Stallman,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President*.

On motion,

The Clerk was directed to inform Select Council that this Council is ready to meet in convention, for the purpose of attending the reopening to the public of Independence Hall, and receiving the volunteer corps of Richmond Blues, from Richmond, Va.

Mr. Norton

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of having a committee of conference appointed on the amendment made by Select Council to the bill entitled "An Ordinance to license and regulate pawn-brokers."

And on the motion being agreed to,

Messrs. Norton, Giller and Stuart, were appointed.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the regular order of business be further suspended, for the purpose of going into the consideration of the resolution vetoed by the Mayor, relative to furnishing badges to the members of Councils, &c.

Pending this question, the officers and members of the Select Council were introduced in convention, and after the President had stated the object thereof,

Mr. Balch

Moved that a joint Special Committee of three from each chamber be appointed for the purpose of informing the Mayor that we are ready to receive him.

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon, the President appointed Messrs. Balch, Bumm and Giller, of Common Council, and Messrs. Hinman, Miller and Sandgran, of Select Council.

Who retired, and after a short time returned and introduced his honor, the Mayor.

The Mayor and Councils then went in procession to Independence Hall, and after certain proceedings, Councils returned to their respective chambers.

Council then resumed the consideration of the motion

of Mr. O'Neill, and after some time spent in the discussion of the same,

The Chair decided that the motion was out of order, inasmuch as the communication from the Mayor was not a veto message.

Mr. Bumm

Moved that the reading of the Journal of last meeting be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet on Tuesday afternoon next, at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Smith

Moved to amend by striking out the word "Tuesday," and insert in lieu thereof "Saturday."

Mr. Andress

Moved an amendment to the amendment, by striking out "Saturday," and insert "Monday."

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Balch

Moved that this Council do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Berry and Martien.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Balch, Bumm, Boswell, Cowell, Dubree, Griscom, Graeff, Horn, Lloyd, Martien, Matthews, Painter, Scheetz, Shuster, Watt, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bishop, Butcher, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Houseman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hassinger, Mercer, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Stuart, Smith, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 17 ; nays 26.

Which was not agreed to.

The amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original resolution,

It was agreed to.

Mr. Abbey

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of the bill entitled "an ordinance to make an appropriation to the department for supplying the City with water."

Which was agreed to.

The bill being on second reading, section first being under consideration,

Mr. Balch

Asked for a division of the question on the section.

The first division was agreed to.

The second division was agreed to.

The third division was agreed to.

The fourth division was agreed to.

The fifth division was agreed to.

The sixth division was agreed to.

The seventh division was agreed to.

The eighth division was agreed to

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Giller

Moved that the regular order of business be further suspended for the purpose of proceeding to the considera-

tion of the bill entitled, "An Ordinance to change the name of Shippen street."

Which was agreed to.

The bill being on second reading, section first being under consideration,

Mr. Giller

Moved to amend the same by striking out the words "Bainbridge street," and insert in lieu thereof, "Maple Avenue."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Houseman

Moved further to amend the section, at the end thereof, by adding the following: "And that Jefferson Avenue in the First and Second Wards, shall be hereafter called and known by the name of Moyamensing Avenue."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Houseman and Balch.

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Balch, Boyle, Butcher, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dubree, Giller, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hassinger, Larzalere, Moran, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Powell, Stuart, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Bishop, Boswell, Eastwick, Gibson, Mercer, Matthews, Shuster.

Yeas 29 ; nays 7.

Which was agreed to.

The first and only section as amended was agreed to.

The title being under consideration,

Mr. Norton

Moved to amend the same, by adding the words, "and Jefferson Avenue."

Which was agreed to.

The title as amended, was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Gillingham

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended, for the purpose of offering a resolution.

Mr. Moran

Moved to amend, by adding the words "and going into the consideration of the bill making an appropriation to the Public Schools of the First District."

Mr. Norton

Asked for a division of the question.

The first division was agreed to.

Mr. Newell

Moved that this Council do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Moran and Andress.

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Butcher, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Larzalere, Matthews, Newell, Powell, Stuart, Shuster, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Boswell, Giller, Has-singer, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, Norton.

Yeas 24; nays 9.

Which was agreed to.

Council adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 27th, 1855.

Council met this afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.
Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bumm,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Gray,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Green,
Gratz,
Graeff,
Houseman,

Messrs. Hacker,
Hubbard,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Lloyd,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Norton,
Newell,
Powell,
Pomeroy,
Parham,
Painter,
Read,
Roberts,
Scheetz,
Shuster,
Smith,
Verree,
Watt,
Diehl, *President*.

The President

Stated the first business in order to be the consideration of a bill entitled "An Ordinance relating to the Clerks of Councils."

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed a bill entitled "An Ordinance relating to the Clerks of Councils," which they have passed, and ask concurrence.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

Section fifth was agreed to.

Section sixth being under consideration,

Mr. Smith

Moved to amend, by adding to the end of said section the following, to wit: "There shall be elected, upon the passage of this bill, and annually thereafter, upon the organization of Councils, one transcribing clerk, who shall transcribe all ordinances and joint resolutions passed by both Councils."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Abbey

Moved to amend to strike out "one," where it occurs on the third line, and insert "two."

Which was withdrawn, and

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section seventh being under consideration,

Mr. Norton

Moved to amend, to strike out on the first line the

words, "he shall perform for Common Council," and insert, "the Clerk of Common Council shall perform for that Council."

Which amendment was agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section eighth was agreed to.

Section ninth was agreed to.

Section tenth being under consideration,

Mr. Parham

Moved to amend, to insert on the fourth line "daily, except Sundays."

Which amendment was agreed to, and

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section eleventh was agreed to.

Section twelfth was agreed to.

Section thirteenth being under consideration,

Mr. Norton

Moved to strike out on fourth line the word "law," and insert "finance."

Which amendment was agreed to, and

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section fourteenth was agreed to.

Section fifteenth being under consideration,

Mr. Abbey

Moved to amend, to strike out "an" where it occurs on the third line, to add "s" to the word "clerk" in the fourth line, to strike out the word "Common" where it occurs, and insert "each" before \$1000 on the same line.

Which amendment was agreed to, and

The section as amended was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Also,

Informed that they have passed a bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Controllers of the Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of defraying the cost of maintaining and managing the Public Schools in the said District for the year 1855."

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Dennis

Moved to amend to strike out "the sum of \$456,863," and insert the sum of \$608,656, the amount asked for by the Board of Control.

Pending the consideration thereof,

Mr. Moran

Moved a call of the house.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Andress, Bishop, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Eastwick, Gibson, Gray, Gay, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Parham, Painter, Read, Roberts, Scheetz, Smith, Verree, and Diehl, *President*—37.

There being less than a quorum,

Mr. Andress

Moved that the names of the absentees be called.

And being ordered, were as follows:

Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Balch, Bumm, Boyle,

Binder, Copeland, Cowell, Conrad, Crispin, Dougherty, Dubree, Giller, Grove, Griscom, Gillingham, Hoffman, Harper, Horn, Hoppel, Laws, Larzalere, Magarge, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Preston, Randall, Rhoads, Stuart, Shuster, Stallman, Taylor, Watt, Wickersham, and Wagner—37.

The President directed the doors to be closed, and the Sergeant-at-Arms to proceed after absent members, who returned in a short time with Messrs. Abbey, Binder, Dougherty, and Pomeroy, who were out attending to a Committee of Councils.

When a quorum being present,

The consideration of the bill was resumed.

Mr. Dennis

Moved to modify his amendment to read “\$578,656” instead of “\$608,656.”

Mr. Martien

Moved a call of the house, when

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Gray, Gay, Green, Graeff, Houseman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Mammel, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Read, Roberts, Scheetz, Smith, Verree, Diehl, *President*—40.

A quorum of members being present, and the question being on the last-named amendment, or modification,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dennis and Gray.

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Butcher, Corlies, Dennis, Eastwick, Gray, Mercer, Roberts, Scheetz.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Boswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Gibson, Gay,

Green, Gracff, Houseman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Read, Smith, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 8; nays 32.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The section as read was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Smith

Presented a communication from the several fire companies of the late borough of Germantown, in relation to the annual appropriations formerly made to said companies.

Which was referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Gibson

Offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, It is currently reported that the Police of the City have each been furnished with a ticket signed by the Mayor's Clerk, which they are required to present at the hat store of Mr. Joseph Fareira, for the purpose of procuring a hat, for which they are charged twenty-five per cent. more than the same article can be purchased elsewhere. Therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby express our undiminished confidence in the efficiency of our Police, as at present organized and equipped, and our entire satisfaction in their use of the usual badge worn by them, it being amply sufficient to designate them, without adopting any other mark, uniform, or insignia.

Mr. Martien

Moved that we do now adjourn.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Martien and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Butcher, Dougherty, Eastwick, Hilles, Lloyd, Martien, Manuel, Parham, Read, Roberts, Scheetz, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Address, Bishop, Binder, Boswell, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Gibson, Gay, Green, Houseman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hassinger, Mereer, Moran, Matthews, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Painter, Shuster, Smith.

Yeas 14 ; nays 25.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Butcher

Moved to amend, to strike out the words “organized and.”

Which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Martien

Moved that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed, and that it be referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Dennis

Moved to amend, by substituting the following resolution :

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Police Committee, adopted September 28th, 1854, as requires the Police to procure revolvers at their own expense, and also so much as requires the Police to wear glazed-top hats, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Which was ruled out of order at the present time.

Mr. Giller .

Moved that we do now adjourn.

On this motion, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Pomeroy and Abbey.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Dougherty, Eastwick, Giller, Hilles, Lloyd, Moran, Martien, Parham, Read, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Address, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Boswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Gibson, Gay, Green, Houseman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hassinger, Mercer, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Pomeroy, Painter, Shuster, Smith.

Yeas 10 ; nays 26.

There being no quorum voting,

Mr. Painter

Moved a call of the house.

When the roll was called, and the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbey, Address, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Boswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gay, Green, Houseman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Read, Roberts, Shuster, Smith, Verree—37.

Mr. Address

Moved that the names of the absentees be called.

Which was ordered.

Messrs. Austin, Berry, Bumm, Boyle, Butcher, Copeland, Cowell, Cresswell, Crispin, Dubree, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Gratz, Graeff, Hoffman, Harper, Horn, Hoppel, Laws, Larzalere, Martien, Magarge, Newell, O'Neill, Preston, Randall, Rhoads, Stuart, Scheetz, Stallman, Taylor, Watt, Wickersham, Wagner, Diehl, *President*—37.

During the calling of the same, Mr. Newell entered

the chamber, answered to his name, and constituted a quorum.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Martien to postpone the further consideration, &c.,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Moran and Andress.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Bishop, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gay, Hassinger, Moran, Matthews, Read, Roberts, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Balch, Binder, Boswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Lloyd, Mercer, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Shuster, Verree.

Yeas 11; nays 27.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Dennis

Moved to amend, by substituting his resolution at this time.

Which being under consideration,

Mr. Dennis

Moved to modify the resolution by striking out "to procure revolvers at their own expense, and also so much."

The question being on the substitute, as amended,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dennis and Dougherty.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Corlies, Dennis, Green, Houseman, Lloyd, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Painter.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Boswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gay, Gratz, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Has-

singer, Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Read, Roberts, Shuster, Verrec, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 10 ; nays 27.

So the amendment or substitute was not agreed to.

Mr. Matthews

Moved that we do now adjourn.

On this motion the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Painter and Houseman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Bishop, Binder, Boswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dennis, Dougherty, Eastwick, Giller, Gay, Hacker, Hilles, Hassinger, Moran, Matthews, Newell, Powell, Read, Roberts, Shuster, Verrec, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Balch, Dunk, Davenport, Gibson, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Hubbard, Lloyd, Mercer, Manuel, Norton, Pomeroy, Painter.

Yeas 23 ; nays 15.

So the motion was agreed to, and

Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 1, 1855.

Council met this afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.
Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Copeland,
Cresswell,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Gratz,
Graeff,
Houseman,
Hoffman,
Horn,
Hacker,
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Messrs. Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Lloyd,
Larzalere,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Magarge,
Norton,
Newell,
Powell,
Pomeroy,
Painter,
Preston,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Schectz,
Smith,
Stallman,
Verree,
Watt,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President.*

Mr. Pomeroy

Moved that the reading of the Journal of last meeting be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Pomeroy

Presented a petition from a number of merchants and occupants of stores on Water street, between Market and Chestnut streets, asking that three stores on the west side of said street may be removed back to the line, in conformity with the will of the late Stephen Girard.

Which was referred to the Committee on Girard Estates, with power to act.

Mr. Abbey

Presented a petition from Joseph Kinsley, of the Twenty-third Ward, asking payment for damages his property sustained, by reason of a change in the water flowing down Ann street from its usual course, authorized by the Supervisor of said Ward.

Mr. Gibson

Presented petitions from property-owners on Sixteenth street, between Cedar and Catharine streets, asking that said street may be paved.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Norton

Presented a communication from the Horticultural Society, relative to the preparation of certain parks.

Which was referred to the Committee on City Property.

Also,

One from Messrs. Simpson and Neal, shipwrights and

proprietors of the "Sectional Floating Dry Dock," asking for a survey of wharf lines.

Which was referred to the Committee on Port Wardens, &c.

Messrs. Hoppel, Andress, Martien, Hubbard, Painter, and Moran, each

Presented memorials from a large number of police officers, remonstrating against the adoption of the proposed police uniform.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Newell

Presented a petition from property-owners on Brown street, between Twenty-second and Nixon streets, asking that water pipes may be laid on said street.

Also,

One from the same, asking that gas pipes may be laid on said street.

Also,

One from the same, asking that said street may be paved.

Which were severally referred to the appropriate committees.

Mr. Andress

Presented a petition from the representatives of the fire companies located in the late District of the Northern Liberties, asking for the annual appropriation, for the year 1854, for the following companies, viz.:

Northern Liberty, Humane, America, Friendship, United States Engines; Humane, United States, Northern Liberty, Lafayette, Jackson, Ringgold Hose, and Jefferson Hook and Ladder Companies.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a bill from James McCoy, for cleansing streets in the late District of Moyamensing.

The reading of which was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

A petition from a number of citizens of Second Ward, asking that the election divisions of said Ward shall be changed and equalized.

Which was referred to a Joint Special Committee of three from each chamber, and

Messrs. Gibson, Martien, and Smith were appointed on behalf of Common Council.

Mr. Hacker

Presented sundry bills of the Board of Health.

The reading of which was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Health.

Mr. Gay

Presented a petition from property-owners on and near Cumberland street, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that said street may be repaved, between the Trenton Railroad and the Aramingo Canal.

Mr. Wagner

Presented a communication from Charles Noble, M.D., Thomas B. Longstreth, and E. F. Witmer, releasing all claims for damages in the opening of Delaware Avenue, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Also,

One from Thomas B. Longstreth, releasing all claims for damages in the opening of Clearfield street, from Richmond street to Delaware Avenue, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Also,

One from R. D. Wilkinson, Recorder of Deeds, asking for the enlargement of the office for recording of deeds.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Hilles

Presented sundry bills against the Frankford Gas Works.

The reading of which was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Lloyd

Presented a bill of R. and S. H. Jones, for water pipe furnished the late District of Moyamensing.

The reading of which was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Boswell

Presented a communication from John N. Henderson, City Controller, relative to the ordinance making an appropriation to his department.

The President

Submitted a communication from Leonard Myers, Esq., Solicitor of the late District of Belmont, asking for an appropriation of \$180 50 for the costs and expenses in the widening of footwalks on the Lancaster Turnpike.

Also,

From the Northwestern Railroad Company, relative to the third instalment of 10 per cent. on the capital stock of said company.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

One from the Board of Health, asking for the passage of an ordinance for the better security of our citizens from

small-pox, by gratuitous vaccination and the appointment of vaccine physicians.

Which was referred to the Committee on Health.

Also,

One from the Columbia Hose Company, relative to the ordinance reorganizing the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

A petition from Nancy Stewart, asking that a public lamp may be placed on the northeast corner of Eleventh and Carpenter streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,

Communications from Thomas W. Craige, M.D., and Lewis Taylor, M. D., soliciting the appointment of Vaccine Physician.

Mr. Boswell

Presented one of similar tenor from Elisha Crowell, M.D.,

Which were severally read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Copeland

Presented petitions from owners of property on and near Virginia street, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, asking that the curbstone on said street may be set, and footways paved as soon as practicable.

Mr. Butcher

Presented a petition from citizens and property owners, asking for the correct numbering of the houses and lots of the inhabited portions of the city.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Hoppel

Presented a petition from the Summerfield Methodist Episcopal Church, asking for an appropriation of \$150.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Andress

Presented a petition from the Philadelphia Skating Club, asking permission to erect (at their own expense) a Club House on the public grounds of the city, somewhere in the vicinity of the dam on the river Schuylkill.

Which was referred to the Committee on City Property.

The following message was received from the Mayor :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
PHILA., Feb. 28, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—I have approved and signed the following Ordinances, viz :

An Ordinance to fix and establish the grade of Girard Avenue, between Twenty-ninth street and the river Schuylkill.

An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Inspectors of the Prison.

An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Police Department, for the purposes therein mentioned.

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Hacker,

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the annexed Resolution from Common Council, relative to pay-

ing James Miller for measuring water-pipe in the Twenty-fourth Ward, have had the same under consideration, and ask its adoption.

WM. P. HACKER,

Committee Room, March 1, 1855.

Chairman.

Resolved, That the Clerk of Common Council be authorized to draw a warrant for \$40, in favor of James Miller, for measuring the water-pipe laid by Messrs. Birkenbine & Trotter, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, measured by order of the Joint Special Committee of Councils.

THOS. T. BUTCHER,

Chairman of Special Committee.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to offer the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners, and ask its adoption.

WM. P. HACKER,

Committee Room, March 1, 1855.

Chairman.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

The Committee on Finance report the following Ordinance, to authorize a loan to pay the several instalments to the North Western Railroad, as they become due. And, also, a Resolution to authorize the Clerk to publish said

Ordinance in accordance with the requirements of the Act of Consolidation.

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

Committee Room, March 1, 1855.

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized and required to publish in two daily newspapers of this city, daily for four weeks, the Ordinance presented to the Common Council on this first day of March, 1855, being a stated day for the meetings of Councils, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan to pay the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth instalments, on the subscription to the capital stock of the Northwestern Railroad Company," and the said Clerk at the stated meeting of Councils next after the expiration of four weeks from the first day of said publication, shall present to this Council one of each of the said newspapers for every day in which the same shall have been made.

Which was read twice and passed.

The Ordinance was then read and ordered to be advertised.

Mr. Copeland

From the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following Report, and Preamble and Resolutions:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying Preamble and Resolutions.

SAMUEL COPELAND,
Chairman.

Committee Room, March 1, 1855.

Whereas, The Fourth Article of an agreement made the ninth day of March, 1848, between the Commissioners of the then Kensington District, and the Trustees of the Fair Hill estate, in these words, to wit:

That they (the Trustees) agree to open from time to time, without claim for damages therefor, as the party of the first part, the Commissioners, shall reasonably direct or

request, any of the streets laid down in the plans of said estate, filed in the office of the Court of Quarter Sessions for the City and County of Philadelphia. Provided, said District shall grade such streets as soon as opened.

And whereas, The rights exercised by the Commissioners of the District of Kensington, before said District was merged in the Consolidated City, are now vested in the Councils of the City of Philadelphia. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Fair Hill estate, be and they are hereby directed, to open Washington street as laid down in the plan of said estate, from the point to which said street was directed to be opened by the Commissioners of the District of Kensington, to the north boundary line of said Fair Hill estate.

Resolved, That the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company be, and they are hereby authorized to grade Washington street within the bounds described in the foregoing Resolution, and in conformity to the City regulation thereof. Provided, however, that said Company shall make no charge therefor against the City of Philadelphia.

The Resolutions were read twice and passed.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and cleansing the City, for the payment of damages assessed for the opening of Dickinson and Jervis streets, east of Front street.

SAMUEL COPELAND,

Chairman.

Committee Room, March 1, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Public Highways report a resolution authorizing the construction of culverts on Cohocksink Creek, and connecting Thompson street culvert thereto ; also a main culvert in Moore street in the First Ward, and one in Vine street from the Schuylkill to Nineteenth street, all of which are works of much importance, and long asked for by the public.

SAMUEL COPELAND,
Chairman.

Committee Room, March 1, 1855.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to invite proposals for the construction of the following culverts, to wit :

A culvert on the Cohocksink Creek, from Front along the course of the same, to the culvert in Mifflin or Randolph street.

A culvert on Thompson street, from Sixth to Fifth street, to connect the culvert now constructing in said street with the Cohocksink Creek.

A main culvert in Moore street, (First Ward,) from the river Delaware to Seventh street.

A main culvert in Vine street, from the Schuylkill river to Nineteenth street.

The plans and proposals for the construction of the above culverts to be submitted to the Committee on Public Highways, before action being taken on the same, and said Committee to report to Councils the amount of said contract, when made, with a bill providing for the payment on the same in certificates of City Loan.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Gratz

Moved to amend the same as follows :

Add after the word "highways," in the third line, "wh shall report the same to Councils," and strike out all after the word "same," in the fourth line, and substitute, Provided the payment of said contracts shall be made in certificates of City Loan.

Which was agreed to.

And the resolution as amended was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Council :

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and cleansing the City, to pay certain claims therein mentioned for work performed by virtue of certain contracts.

SAMUEL COPELAND,

Committee Room, March 1, 1855.

Chairman.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first being under consideration.

Mr. Balch

Asked for a division of the question on the section.

The first division was agreed to.

The second division being under consideration,

Mr. Copeland

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed, and printed for the use of members.

Which was agreed to.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance for the Regulation of Omnibusses."

SAMUEL COPELAND,
Chairman.

Committee Room, March 1, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Balch

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed, and printed for the use of members.

Which was agreed to.

On motion of

Mr. Martien,

The regular order of business was suspended, and the following communication was presented, the reading of which was dispensed with and referred to the Committee on Port Wardens, &c.

PHILA., Feb. 20, 1855.

To the President and Members of Common Council :

GENTLEMEN :—Please notice we have made application to the Board of Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, to extend the pier at our landing to the last line established by them.

SCULL & REX.

Mr. Bishop,

From the Committee on Port Wardens, &c., presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings and Wharves, to whom was referred a communication, signed George Middleton and John R. Richards, in relation to a sunken vessel at Dock street wharf, beg leave to report the same back to Councils, and ask to have the same referred to the Port Wardens, with the request to give the subject their especial attention.

S. S. BISHOP,

Committee Room, Feb. 23, 1855.

Chairman.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Gratz,

From the Committee on Police, presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Police beg leave to offer the following resolution.

EDWARD GRATZ,

Committee Room, March 1, 1855.

Chairman.

Resolved, That the Marshal of Police be directed to draw a warrant in favor of James Miller, for the sum of sixty-three dollars and fifty-nine cents, being the amount due him as messenger for said Marshal, from January 1st to February 16, 1855, and said amount to be drawn from the appropriation made to the Police Department January 29, 1855.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Newell,

From the Committee on Market Houses, presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Market Houses having had under consideration the resolution referred to them, requesting the Committee to report a tariff of prices for the stalls in the Broad and Race street markets ; also, the time they would

recommend the removal of the market sheds, in Market street west of Broad street:

Respectfully report, owing to the location of the Broad and Race street markets, they do not think the stalls therein could be rented to the advantage of the City Treasury, or the convenience of the public who would depend upon these markets for their supplies, unless Market street west of Tenth shall be vacated as a stand for market wagons, for the sale of the products of farms; also, the market sheds in Market street west of Broad be removed.

The Committee present to Councils an Ordinance and Resolutions, in accordance with the above report, and respectfully ask their adoption.

ROBERT NEWELL,

Committee Room, March 1, 1855.

Chairman.

“An Ordinance to abolish certain market limits.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Resolution to direct the Commissioner of Market-houses to remove the market-houses in Market street between Fifteenth and Seventeenth streets, and to erect market-houses between Spruce, Pine, Twentieth and Twenty-first streets.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Market-houses be and he is hereby directed to cause the market-houses in Market street, between Fifteenth and Seventeenth streets, to be taken down, and the materials to be disposed of for the interest of the City.

Resolved, That the said Commissioner be directed to cause to be erected, market-houses similar to those now standing in Market street, on the lot of ground owned by the Corporation, situate in the square bounded by Spruce, Pine, Twentieth and Twenty-first streets.

Mr. Balch

Moved that the resolutions be laid on the table.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Painter and Newell.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Butcher, Copeland, Cresswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dubree, Gay, Gratz, Houseman, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Matthews, Painter, Roberts, Stallman.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Boswell, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Griscom, Graeff, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Larzalere, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, Powell, Preston, Smith, Verree, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 18 ; nays 27.

Which was not agreed to.

The first resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Verree

Moved to amend the same, on the second line, by striking out the words "Market-houses," and insert in lieu thereof, "City Property."

Mr. Newell

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the resolutions be postponed.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That we hereby express our undiminished confidence in the integrity of the Police of the City, as at

present equipped, and our entire satisfaction in their use of the usual badge worn by them, it being amply sufficient to designate them without adopting any other mark, uniform, or insignia.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolutions.

Mr. Houseman

Moved to amend the same, by striking out all after the word "*Resolved*," and insert the following:

"In the opinion of this Council, the usual badge now worn by the Policemen is amply sufficient to designate them, without adopting any other mark, uniform, or insignia."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Martien

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the resolution be postponed.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gibson and Davenport.

But before they were ordered, some time was spent in the discussion of the subject, when

Mr. Andress

Moved the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising:

Messrs. Andress, Davenport, Gibson, Hilles, Horn, Hubbard, Manuel, Mercer, Powell, and Verree.

The question being, "Shall the main question be now put?"

It was agreed to.

The main question being on the motion of Mr. Martien to postpone,

The yeas and nays being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS — Messrs. Abbey, Baleh, Boswell, Cresswell,

Dougherty, Dubree, Giller, Grove, Gay, Gratz, Graeff, Hoffman, Horn, Hilles, Moran, Matthews, Magarge, Roberts, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS — Messrs. Andress, Berry, Copeland, Dunk, Davenport, Gibson, Griscom, Houseman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Manuel, Newell, Powell, Painter.

Yeas 21 ; nays 18.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gay

Moved that this Council do now adjourn.

On this question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Abbey and Newell.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Balch, Boswell, Copeland, Cresswell, Dubree, Giller, Grove, Gay, Gratz, Hoppel, Matthews, Magarge, Powell, Roberts, Stuart, Verree, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Gibson, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Painter, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 18 ; nays 19.

There being less than a quorum voting,

Mr. Roberts

Moved a call of the house.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Boswell, Cresswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gay, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Mercer, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, Painter, Roberts, Wagner, Diehl, *President*—29.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was ordered to close the doors, and permit no member to leave the chamber without permission from the chair.

The Messenger was then sent in search of the absentees, who returned in a short time, and reported that none could be found.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved that we do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to, and

Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 8, 1855.

Council met—Members present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Austin,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bumm,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Copeland,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gay,
Green,
Gratz,

Messrs. Houseman,
Hoffinan,
Horn,
Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Lloyd,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Parham,
Painter,
Preston,
Read,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Scheetz,
Shuster,
Smith,
Stallman,
Watt,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President.*

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the reading of the Journal of last meeting be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Martien

Presented a communication from a number of citizens, asking aid for the family of John Henderson, deceased, (late Policeman.)

Which was referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Butcher

Presented a petition from a number of owners of omnibusses, asking for a reduction in the price of licenses.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from a number of lamplighters, asking for an increase of \$8.00 in their monthly compensation.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented a petition from a number of citizens, asking for the passage of an ordinance causing all property to be assessed according to the rental of buildings, and all lands according to the price at which the owners offer the same for sale.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Norton

Presented several bills:—Samuel Allen, Esq., Sheriff, to pay expenses of printing and distributing proclamation for the late special election of State Senator.

The reading of which was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

Presented a petition from Thomas Ralston, asking compensation for filling up a part of Spring Garden street, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets.

Mr. Eastwick

Presented a petition against closing up Rabbit and Meeting-house Lanes, until the act of the Legislature, relative to that subject, is complied with.

Mr. Gay

Presented a petition from a number of citizens and property holders, asking that Charlotte street, between Franklin Avenue and Thompson street, and Franklin Avenue, between Third and Apple streets, may be paved.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Conrad

Presented a petition from a number of citizens in the southern part of the Twenty-first Ward, asking that the grades of the streets may be regulated.

Which was referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Hilles

Presented several bills of the Frankford Gas Works

The reading of which was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Dougherty

Presented a petition from a number of citizens, asking that a special appropriation may be made to pay the Commissioners for surveying the late township of Passyunk, (authorized by an act of Assembly.)

The reading of which was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Shuster

Presented a petition from a number of citizens, asking that a sewer may be constructed at the corner of Marshall and Callowhill streets.

Mr. Stallman

Presented one, asking that Queen street (Germantown), may be graded and paved.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Newell

Presented a communication from Colin Arrott, M. D., of the Fifteenth Ward, soliciting the appointment of vaccine physician.

The President

Laid before Council one of a similar import from Samuel Oaks, M. D.

Also,

A communication from John Lindsay, City Treasurer, (see Appendix, No. 13,) relative to the amount invested in the Sinking Fund.

Which were severally read and laid on the table.

Mr. Copeland

Presented several memorials from a large number of farmers, storekeepers, housekeepers, and landlords, remonstrating against the removal of the markets from Market street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Markets.

Also,

A petition from the voters of the sixth division of the Ninth Ward, asking for a change in the place of holding the elections in said precinct.

And one of similar import from the voters of eighth division of said Ward.

Which were severally read and referred to the City Solicitor.

Mr. Painter

Presented a communication from George J. Hamilton, late Treasurer of the late district of Kensington, relative to the closing of accounts with said district, together with his bill for one month's salary, amounting to \$66.67.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance, in conjunction with the City Solicitor.

The President

Laid before Council a petition from Baltus Kee, Policeman of the Eleventh Ward, asking to be paid for the month of January and February, during which time he was absent in consequence of sickness contracted while in the discharge of his duty.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police.

The following message was received from the Mayor :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Phila., March 1, 1855. }

To the Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—I have approved and signed the following Ordinances, viz.:

An Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purposes therein mentioned.”

An Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Controller.”

An Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses.”

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance relating to Wagons, Carts, Drays and Barrows."

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance relating to Horses, Cows, Sheep, Goats, and other animals running at large."

A supplement to an Ordinance approved December 7th, 1854, entitled "An Ordinance to organize the Department of Wharves and Landings."

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Giller,

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the salaries of certain vaccine Physicians, and collectors of vaccine cases."

JOHN U. GILLER,
EDWARD GRATZ,
WM. H. J. READ,
ALGERNON S. ROBERTS,
WM. O. KLINE,
O. P. CORNMAN,
W. B. R. SELBY.

Committee Room, March 8, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled A Supplement to an Ordinance approved July 1854, entitled " An Ordinance prescribing the powers and duties of the City Controller."

JOHN U. GILLER,
EDWARD GRATZ,
WM. H. J. READ,
ALGERSON S. ROBERTS,
WM. O. KLINE,
O. P. CORNMAN,
W. B. R. SELBY.

Committee Room, March 8, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Dennis,

From the Committee on Gas, presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Gas beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled " An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and cleansing the City, for the purpose of paying certain claims

against the Spring Garden Gas Works, and for lighting the City."

WM. H. DENNIS,
Chairman.

JOS. MANUEL, JR.,
JON'N BULLOCK,
J. L. HUTCHINSON,
C. S. GROVE,
WM. H. STOKES,
A. G. WATERMAN,
H. L. SMITH,
JOHN LLOYD.

Committee Room, March 8, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Gas beg leave to report the annexed Ordinance, "for the regulation of the Department of Gas," and ask its adoption.

Aware of the great importance of having this branch of the City Government properly arranged, your Committee would respectfully state, that they have had repeated interviews with the Board of Trustees of the Gas Works, and have had free and unreserved conversation with them upon the subject : and this, the Ordinance now presented, is not *just* what the Board of Trustees could wish, still it has been agreed to by them, and has the unanimous approval of the Committee.

Your Committee, after a careful and calm consideration of the question in all its bearings, unanimously and earnestly

recommend the adoption of the Ordinance, as one that cannot fail to promote the best interests of the city, and, at the same time, place this important branch of the Government on a basis that will be satisfactory to all.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

WM. H. DENNIS,
Chairman.

JOS. MANUEL, JR.,
JON'N BULLOCK,
J. L. HUTCHINSON,
H. L. SMITH,
JOHN LLOYD,
C. S. GROVE,
WM. H. STOKES,
A. G. WATERMAN.

Committee Room, March 8th, 1855.

Which was read, and, on motion of

Mr. Andress,

Council resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the bill.

And, after some time spent therein, the Committee rose and reported the same, with amendments.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

Section fifth was agreed to.

Section sixth was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Hoppel

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of going into the consideration of the amendments made by Select Council to the bill making an appropriation to the Department of Highways, &c.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have concurred in the bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and cleansing the city," with amendments, viz:

After line 28th insert the following, viz:

"For repairs to and labor on the City Railroad, west of Eighth and Market streets, \$5000, in addition to the sum of \$1000 appropriated for repairs to and labor on the same by Ordinance of January 13th, 1855."

Strike out in 25th line, after the word "streets," the words by contract twenty-five thousand dollars, and for cleansing streets by supervisors, twenty-five, and insert the words "seventy-five."

Strike out in section first, line second, the words "six hundred and eighty-nine," and insert in lieu thereof the words "seven hundred and nineteen."

Common Council concurred in the amendments.

Mr. Giller (on leave granted),

Presented a communication from the Rosine Association for the reformation, employment, and instruction of females who have led immoral lives, asking for an appropriation of \$3000.

The reading of which was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved, that when this Council adjourns, it adjourns to meet on Monday afternoon next at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Balch

Moved to amend by substituting "Tuesday" instead of Monday.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Copeland,

From the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and cleansing the City, to pay a claim therein mentioned."

SAMUEL COPELAND,
Chairman.

ALGERNON S. ROBERTS,
CHARLES HUBBARD,
THOS. T. BUTCHER,
JON. MARSELIS,
O. P. CORNMAN,
NATHAN HILLES.

Committee Room, March 8, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Norton (on leave granted),

Presented the report of the Committee on Rules for the government of Councils.

The rules were ordered to be printed for the use of members.

Mr. Eastwick,

From the Committee on Surveys, &c., presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Surveys and Regulations beg leave to offer the annexed resolution.

A. M. EASTWICK,
Chairman.

ALGERNON S. ROBERTS,
J. L. HUTCHINSON,
W. H. STOKES,
JOS. M. THOMAS,
GEORGE NORTON,
SETH AUSTIN,
JOHN HORN.

Committee Room, March 8, 1855.

Resolved, That Edward D. Roberts, Surveyor of the late District of Spring Garden, have Callowhill street surveyed and laid out to the River Schuylkill, to a point opposite Callowhill street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, as per the plan of the Third Division of the late District of West Philadelphia.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Bishop,

From the Committee on Port Wardens, &c., presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings and Wharves, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Fourth Ward, in relation to the opening of Almond street, from Swanson to Wharf street, beg leave to report that they find said Street and Wharf is leased to Mr. William Henwood, until the first of March, 1856. They would beg leave to offer the following:

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings have Almond street vacated at the expiration of the lease, and the street from that time, to be opened as a public highway.

S. S. BISHOP,
Chairman.

NATHAN HILLES,
JOHN STALLMAN,
D. B. HINMAN,
J. N. MARSELIS,
CHARLES THOMPSON JONES,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
FRANCIS H. DUFFEE.

Committee Room, March 8, 1855.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Norton,

From the Committee on Conference to whom was referred the bill to license and regulate Pawnbrokers, presented the following:

The Committee of Conference appointed on the difference between the two Chambers on the bill entitled "An Ordinance to license and regulate Pawnbrokers," have agreed to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the seventh section of said bill pass with the following amendments, to wit: To strike out the words "and insurance," where they occur in the amendment introduced by Common Council, in said section; and also to strike out the words "one per cent." where they occur in the amendment last made by Common Council to said section, and insert in lieu of the said last mentioned words, "two per cent."

GEORGE NORTON,
JAMES STUART,
JOHN U. GILLER.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Balch

Moved that the resolution be laid on the table.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Norton and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Gay, Horn, O'Neill, Painter, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Bishop, Bumm, Dunk, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Hoffinan, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Parham, Read, Shuster, Watt.

Yeas 15 ; nays 22.

It was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch and Davenport.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Berry, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Green, Hoppel, Hilles, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Painter, Read, Shuster.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Balch, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Eastwick, Griscom, Gay, Horn, Hubbard, O'Neill, Parham, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 16 ; nays 16.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Hoppel

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire Department and Trusts be, and they are hereby directed to prepare an Ordinance making an appropriation to the several Fire Companies, due on the 1st of January last, and present the same at the next stated meeting of Councils.

Which was read and subsequently withdrawn.

Mr. Boswell

Moved that this Council do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Abbey and Hoffman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cresswell, Conrad, Dubree, Eastwick, Giller, Gay, Green, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hilles, Matthews, Painter, Read, Shuster, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Gibson, Gray, Griscom, Houseman, Hoppel, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 20 ; nays 21.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Moran

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of the report of the joint special Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the purchase of the property from George W. Brown, at the corner of Ninth and Locust streets.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Offered a resolution, which was about to be read, when the President decided that it was out of order.

Whereupon Mr. O'Neill presented the following protest, which was ordered to be entered on the Journal :

I, Constantine B. F. O'Neill, do offer this as my protest against the decision of the President of this body, in declaring the following resolution out of order :

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be requested to inquire into the expediency of furnishing His Honor, the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, with a three cornered hat, or one similar to that worn by the Lord Mayor of Lon-

don, so that our citizens may be enabled to distinguish him from the ordinary Policemen, who have been compelled to adopt the livery of a glazed hat, as it may prove suggestive of the propriety of a badge of office in this free and enlightened republic,

For the following reasons, viz :

1. The Chair has no legal right to declare a resolution out of order before it is read.

2. The resolution was not disrespectful either to the Councils or the Mayor.

3. It cannot be doubted but that the Mayor, as head of the Police, may be required to wear a uniform to distinguish him from the common Policemen, when in active service.

Mr. Bumm

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be, and hereby is directed to take all necessary proceedings to open Cherry street and Vienna street, from Queen to West streets, in the Eighteenth Ward, according to the plan authorized by the late district of Kensington.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Hoppel

Moved to amend the same on the fourth line, after the word "Vienna," by adding the words, "and Dean."

Which was agreed to.

And the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Gibson

Offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The public safety demands that the highways leading to the Bridges that connect the eastern and

western portions of the city, should be lighted, to enable citizens at all hours of the night to traverse to and from their homes, and, also, enable the agriculturists in the western and south-western portions of the City and neighboring counties to attend our markets in safety. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Police Committee be required to have lamps placed on Gray's Avenue, in the First Ward, from the U. S. Arsenal to Gray's Ferry Bridge.

The resolution was read twice and agreed to.

Mr. Griscom

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Gas Works, through the Committee on Gas, be and are hereby requested to cause a Gas Lamp to be placed by a bracket against the brick wall of the house now in the occupancy of Andrew M'Makin, on the west side of Quince street, at the entrance of the first private alley south of Walnut street.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Gibson

Moved to amend the same at the end thereof, by adding the words, "Also, one at the Northwest corner of Eleventh and Carpenter streets."

Which was accepted.

Mr. Giller

Moved that we do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Berry and Boswell.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Butcher, Copeland, Cresswell, Dunk,

Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gay, Green, Gratz, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Newell, Read, Shuster, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Binder, Boswell, Corlies, Griscom, Houseman, Lloyd, Moran, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Parham, Painter, Stuart.

Yeas 22 ; nays 15.

Which was agreed to, and

Council adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 13th, 1855.

Council met, pursuant to adjournment.—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Austin,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Corlies,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Gay,

Messrs. Horn,
Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hilles,
Lloyd,
Mercer,
Moran,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Norton,
Newell,
Parham,
Painter,
Stuart,
Diehl, *President*—31.

There being less than a quorum,

Mr. Hoppel

Moved that we do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to, and

Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 15th, 1855.

Council met this afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.
Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Austin,
Berry,
Balch,
Bunn,
Boyle,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Copeland,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Green,
Gratz,
Graeff,
Houseman,

Messrs. Hoffman,
Harper,
Horn,
Hacker,
Hubbard,
Höppel,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Lloyd,
Larzalere,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Magarge,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Powell,
Pomeroy,
Painter,
Preston,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Shuster,
Verree,
Watt,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President.*

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the reading of the Journal of last meeting be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Martien

Presented a communication from a Committee appointed by the Board of Delegates of the Fire Association, asking that certain portions of the Ordinance for the Regulation of the Fire Department, may be repealed.

Which was referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Messrs. Green and Bunn

Each presented petitions from a number of citizens engaged in the fish business, asking for permission to use a part of Market street, between Water street and Delaware Avenue.

Which were read and laid on the table.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a communication from a number of citizens residing in the vicinity of the junction of Passyunk Road and Eighth street, Second Ward, asking that a causeway for pedestrians may be constructed from Eighth and Plover streets to Passyunk Road and Little Washington street.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Green

Presented a petition from property owners on Union street, between Duke and West streets, in the Eighteenth Ward, asking that said street may be opened.

Which was read and referred to the City Solicitor, with power to act.

Mr. Hilles

Presented petitions from voters in the First and Second

Precincts of the Twenty-third Ward, asking that the boundary lines of said Precincts may be changed.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Wagner

Presented petitions from members of the bar, conveyancers, and citizens, praying Councils to provide more suitable accommodations for the Prothonotary of the District Court, Recorder of Deeds, and Clerk of the Orphans' Court.

The reading of which was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Preston

Presented a petition from William A. Simpson, asking payment for the damages his property sustained in the opening of Baker street, Manayunk.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from E. C. Benyard, asking for a trial of his patent safe-catch for badges of policemen.

Mr. Davenport

Presented a petition from owners of property on Christian street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, asking that a gas lamp may be placed on said street.

Mr. Magarge,

One from owners of property on the Germantown Road, between Fair Hill and the lower boundary of Germantown, asking that public lamps may be placed on said road.

Mr. Hilles,

One from citizens of the Twenty-third Ward, asking that public lamps may be placed on the Frankford Road, between Alleghany Avenue (in the late district of Richmond) and the Frankford Creek.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Houseman

Presented a petition from property owners on Hays street, between Sixth and Seventh streets (in the First Ward), asking that that street may be paved.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Painter

Presented to Councils (from Wm. L. Hirst, Esq.) an engraving of a north-west view of Independence Hall, taken in the year 1778.

Which was accepted, whereupon

Mr. Painter (on leave granted),

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of Councils be voted to William L. Hirst, Esq., for the engraving of the north-west view of the State House, taken 1778, and that the engraving be placed in the Independence Hall.

Which was read and passed.

Select Council concurred.

The President

Laid before Council a communication from the Mechanic Fire Company, declining to accept the Ordinance re-organizing the Fire Department of the City.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

A communication from L. C. Judson, relative to the larger supply of water for the Twenty-fourth Ward, and asking Councils that a lot of ground may be purchased at the head of the inclined (railroad) plane, for a basin.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

A communication from William P. Prickett, late policeman of the First Ward, asking to be paid for lost time caused by injuries received from a fall while in the discharge of duty.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,

A communication from L. B. Ballied, soliciting the appointment of Vaccine Physician for the Twenty-first Ward.

Which was laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from the Hope Hose Company, declining to accept the Ordinance re-organizing the Fire Department of the City.

Mr. Martien

Presented a communication from the Superintendent of Trusts, with the names of applicants for loans from the Franklin and Scott Legacy, viz :

Charles Paulus, latter, 319 South Second street, for \$200, Scott Legacy, and offers John Coates and Andrew Herman, as securities. Joseph L. Wilt, 367 Coates above Ninth, for \$260, Franklin Legacy, and offers William Wilt and Abraham Wilt, as securities.

Which were read and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Balch

Presented a communication from Charles Norris and Isaac Norris, Trustees of the Fairhill Estate, informing that they had received a copy of the Preamble and Resolutions passed by Councils: First, requiring them to open Washington street from the point to which said street was directed to be opened, by the Commissioners of Kensington, to the north boundary line of said estate; and the second resolution, authorizing the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company to grade the street; respectfully declining to comply with

the first resolution, and protesting against the right of Councils to direct the second to be done before the street is dedicated to public use.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Verree

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of presenting a bill relative to the election divisions of the Twenty-third Ward.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hassinger and Balch.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bumm, Boyle, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Gibson, Giller, Green, Houseman, Hoppel, Hilles, Mereer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Painter, Preston, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Balch, Corlies, Dubree, Eastwick, Gillingham, Gay, Gratz, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hassinger, Lloyd, Magarge, Roberts.

Yeas 29 ; nays 15.

It was agreed to, when

Mr. Verree

(In place) presented a bill entitled “ An Ordinance to change the boundary lines of First and Seventh Precincts, in the Twenty-third Ward.”

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

And the question being, shall the bill be prepared for a third reading ?

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hassinger and Wagner.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Davenport, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Lloyd, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, Painter, Preston, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Boyle, Corlies, Dubree, Gay, Hassinger, Roberts.

Yeas 34 ; nays 7.

Which was agreed to, and the bill, by special order, read a third time ; and on the final passage of the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hassinger and Roberts.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Lloyd, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Painter, Preston, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Boyle, Corlies, Dubree, Gay, Hassinger, Roberts.

Yeas 36 ; nays 7.

Which was agreed to, and the bill passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Martien

Moved that the regular order of business be further suspended for the purpose of allowing him an opportunity to make a motion.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hacker,

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the House of Refuge."

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

WM. B. R. SELBY,
WM. O. KLINE,
P. A. KEYSER,
JOHN U. GILLER,
EDWARD GRATZ,
O. P. CORNMAN,
A. S. ROBERTS.

Committee Room, March 15, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Copeland,

From the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred the annexed petition, remonstrating against the closing of portions of Rabbit and Meeting-house lanes, in Twenty-fourth Ward:

Report that Councils, on the 7th of December last, (page 7 and 8, Journal of Common Council), approved of the closing of said portions of the lanes on the terms and

conditions prescribed in the Act of Assembly, that is to say, "When Chestnut, Walnut, Fulton, Oak, and York streets, of the widths respectively described in the said act, are opened, graded, and put in good condition for public use, and not before or otherwise." Your Committee having carefully examined the subject, are of the opinion, that when the terms and conditions are fully complied with, there can remain no cause for continuing said lanes open. The Committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and annex a resolution to that effect.

SAMUEL COPELAND,
Chairman.

NATHAN HILLES,
THOMAS T. BUTCHER,
CHARLES HUBBARD,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
J. N. MARSELIS,
P. A. KEYSER.

Committee Room, March 15, 1855.

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Gratz,

From the Committee on Police, presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Police beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the relief of Mrs. Mary Ann Henderson, the widow of John Henderson, a Police Officer.

EDWARD GRATZ,
Chairman.

CHARLES M. WAGNER,
THOMAS BALCH,
R. P. GILLINGHAM,
WILLIAM MORAN,
A. G. WATERMAN,
M. SANDGRAN.
O. P. CORNMAN.

Committee Room, March 15, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Council:

The Committee on Police beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for Police purposes."

EDWARD GRATZ,
Chairman.

CHARLES M. WAGNER,
R. P. GILLINGHAM,
THOMAS BALCH,
M. SANDGRAN,
WILLIAM MORAN,
A. G. WATERMAN,
O. P. CORNMAN.

Committee Room, March 15, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Martien,

From the Committee on Trusts, &c., presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts for the purposes therein mentioned."

J. W. MARTIEN,
Chairman.

H. BUMM,
C. J. HOFFMAN,
JAMES GAY,
J. N. MARSELIS,
M. SANDGRAN,
JAMES M. GILSON,
C. B. ANDRESS,
D. B. HINMAN,
JONATHAN BULLOCK.

Committee Room, March 15, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Eastwick,

From the Committee on Surveys, &c., made report (*see Appendix, No. 14*) accompanied with part of an ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the taking of the Census of the City of Philadelphia."

Which was read and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Norton,

From the Committee on Claims, made report (*see Appendix, No. 15*) accompanied with the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be, and he is hereby instructed, to examine the culvert constructed by William A. Banes, on Carroll and Sergeant streets, and to report to the " Committee on Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, Culverts, and Cleansing the City," of what description of materials it has been built—whether the said work has been well executed—and also, whether the said materials, and work, are equal to those stipulated for in the said contract.

Resolved, That if the said Chief Commissioner of Highways shall report that the said materials are the kind, and the quality, required by the said contract, and that the said work has been well executed,—that then, the said last named Committee bring in a bill making an appropriation for the payment to the said William A. Banes, of such balance as may be due to him, in the bonds of the City, according to the terms of the said contract ; and that with the report of such bill, the said Committee transmit to Council the said report of the Chief Commissioner of Highways.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Abbey

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be, and they are hereby instructed, in connection with the Mayor, to inquire into the expediency of reorganizing the Fire Department on the paid system, in connection with, or independent of the Police, as they may deem best, but to give the City complete control of the departments as contemplated by the Act of Consolidation, and report to Councils as early as practicable.

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Gibson

Moved that the same be laid on the table.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Abbey and Mercer.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Berry, Bumm, Binder, Cope-land, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Grove, Green, Harper, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Lloyd, Martien, Manuel, Newell, O'Neill, Painter, Watt.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Conrad, Dunk, Eastwick, Gay, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hilles, Mercer, Magarge, Pomeroy, Preston, Roberts, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 24 ; nays 20.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Balch

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of allowing him an opportunity of presenting (in place) a bill for the regulation of Pawnbrokers.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Verree

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be requested to inquire into the propriety of selling or otherwise disposing of the lot of ground on Frankford street, Frankford, and to re-invest the proceeds in the purchase of twenty or more acres of land on the top of Cedar Hill, in Oxford township, for the purpose of being used as a reservoir for water to supply the northern part of the City.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Dunk

Offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The improvement of the lower section of the

city is much retarded by the existence of the State Powder Magazine in First Ward; be it therefore

Resolved, That our representatives in the Legislature be requested to urge the early removal of said Powder Magazine to some more remote and less populous part of the city.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Martien

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of \$300 be appropriated to John M. Riley, Clerk of Common Council, for services rendered as Clerk of the several Committees of Councils, said amount to be paid out of the appropriation made to Clerks of Councils.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Gibson

Moved to amend the same at the end thereof, by adding the words, "Provided the annual salary of the Clerk shall not exceed \$1200."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Painter and Abbey.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Boyle, Boswell, Cresswell, Corlies, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Gay, Houseman, Hoffman, Powell, Painter, Shuster.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Austin, Berry, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Copeland, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Eastwick, Grove, Griscom, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton,

O'Neill, Pomeroy, Preston, Verree, Wagner, Dichl, *President*.

Yeas 14 ; nays 38.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Verree

Moved further to amend by adding, "Provided the annual salary of the Clerk shall not exceed \$1500."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Moved further to amend at the end thereof, by adding the words, "And a like sum to Christopher W. Steel, Assistant Clerk."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dennis and Painter.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Austin, Berry, Balch, Bumm, Boyle, Binder, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Grove, Griscom, Green, Graeff, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Lloyd, Larzalere, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Roberts, Verree, Wagner, Dichl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Boswell, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gratz, Hacker, Magarge, Powell, Painter, Preston, Shuster.

Yeas 36 ; nays 11.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved further to amend by adding the words, "And a like sum to John Q. Adams, Assistant Clerk."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Abbey and Dennis.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Balch, Boyle, Butcher, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson,

Griscom, Houseman, Hoffman, Lloyd, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Powell, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Bumm, Binder, Boswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Eastwick, Green, Gratz, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Larzalere, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Magarge, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Shuster, Verree.

Yeas 21 ; nays 23.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Moved further to amend, at the end thereof, by adding the words “and a like sum to the two Messengers.”

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dennis and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Boyle, Butcher, Dougherty, Gibson, Houseman, Hoffman, Lloyd, Manuel, Powell.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Bumm, Binder, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Eastwick, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Larzalere, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Magarge, Norton, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Shuster, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 10 ; nays 29.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Moved that the resolution be laid on the table.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Berry and Painter.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Boyle, Boswell, Copeland, Cresswell, Corlies, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Gratz, Hoffman, Hacker, Powell, Painter, Preston, Shuster.

NAYS—Messrs. Balch, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Green, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Martien, Matthews,

Manuel, Magarge, Norton, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 19 ; nays 24.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution, as amended, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gibson and Martien.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Griscom, Green, Hubbard, Hoppel, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Boswell, Copeland, Cresswell, Corlies, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Powell, Painter, Preston, Shuster.

Yeas 27 ; nays 17.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Abbey

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Markets be, and they are hereby directed, to report to Councils at their next stated meeting, what action, if any, has been taken on the memorial of certain citizens of Fifth ward, residents and owners of property on Pine street between Front and Second streets, praying for the removal of the market carts and wagons from that square—referred to the Committee on the 21st of September last.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. O'Neill

Asked leave to make a personal explanation in reference to the President of last stated meeting, deciding that a resolution which he offered was not in order, before it was read, with a view of calling the same up for consideration.

The Chair

Decided that Mr. O'Neill was out of order, inasmuch as the resolution was disrespectful to the Mayor of the city.

Mr. Gibson

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended, for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of the joint resolutions relative to changing the election divisions of the Second ward, and the places of holding elections, as passed by Select Council.

Which was agreed to.

The resolutions were read and considered, when

Mr. Gibson

Moved to amend the same, as follows :

“The seventh division, so much of said ward as is composed within the following limits, commencing at Washington or Prime and Sixth streets, along Sixth to Christian, along Christian to Ninth, along Ninth to Carpenter, along Carpenter to Eighth, along Eighth to Washington or Prime, and along the latter to the place of beginning.”

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Moved further to amend as follows :

The ninth division: so much of said Ward as is comprised within the following limits, commencing at Eighth and Washington; along the latter to Eleventh, along Eleventh to Christian, along Christian to Ninth, along Ninth to Carpenter, along Carpenter to Eighth, along Eighth to the place of beginning.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Davenport

Moved further to amend, as follows :

The tenth division: strike out George Lindsay, Thir-

teenth and Mariner streets, and insert George Buchanan, Broad above Prime street.

Which was agreed to.

The resolutions, as amended, were agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

Select Council concurred in the amendments.

Mr. Dennis

Moved that the regular order of business be further suspended, for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of the amendments made by Select Council to the bill organizing the Gas Department.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have concurred in the bill entitled "An Ordinance for the regulation of the Department of Gas,"

With the following amendments, viz :

Sect. 1, add word "and" at the end of the thirteenth line ; and strike out the words, "and the engineer," in the fourteenth line.

Sect. 3, fifth line, strike out "subject to the approval of Councils."

Common Council concurred in the amendments.

Mr. Copeland

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the place of voting, in the Sixth Division of the Ninth Ward, shall be at the house of Mrs. Righter, Forrest House, Market street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Gibson

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Pomeroy

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended, for the purpose of going into the consideration of the resolution from Select Council, relative to the purchase of property at the corner of Ninth and Locust streets.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Bumm

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That permission be granted to the use of petitioners, asking that a place may be designated as a fish-stand during the fishing season—and that the centre of Market street, for twenty feet in width, between Delaware Avenue and Water street be, and the same is hereby appropriated for said purposes.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Pomeroy

Moved that the reading and consideration of the same be postponed, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Pomeroy and Watt.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS — Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Grove, Hoffman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hassinger, Matthews, Pomeroy, Watt.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Balch, Bumm, Boyle, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Gay, Green, Gratz,

Graeff, Houseman, Hoppel, Lloyd, Mercer, Martien, Magarge, Newell, O'Neill, Painter, Preston, Shuster, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 10 ; nays 32.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Pomeroy

Moved further to amend, by striking out the word "Market," and insert in lieu thereof "Vine."

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Pomeroy and Address.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Address, Berry, Balch, Bumm, Boyle, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Grove, Gay, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Hacker, Hoppel, Lloyd, Mercer, Martien, Magarge, Norton, O'Neill, Painter, Shuster, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Conrad, Hoffman, Hassinger, Matthews, Pomeroy.

Yeas 35 ; nays 6.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that when this Council adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday afternoon next, at three o'clock.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Berry

Moved that we do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to, and

Council adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 20th, 1855.

Council met, pursuant to adjournment.—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Austin,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bumm,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Copeland,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Green,
Gratz,

Messrs. Hoffman,
Horn,
Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hassinger,
Laws,
Lloyd,
Mercer,
Moran,
Manuel,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Powell,
Pomeroy,
Parham,
Painter,
Read,
Rhoads,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Stallman,
Watt,
Diehl, *President.*

The President

Laid before Council the following message from the Mayor :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Phila., March 8, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—I have approved and signed the following Ordinance, viz. :

An Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to organize the Department of the Poor.”

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Also, the following :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Phila., March 13, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—I have approved and signed the following Ordinances, viz. :

An Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners.”

An Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City.”

A supplement to an Ordinance, approved January twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the Corporation.”

An Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the salaries of certain Vaccine Physicians and Collectors of Vaccine Cases.”

An Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City, for the purpose of paying certain claims against the Spring Garden Gas Works, and for lighting the City.”

An Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges,

Sewers, and Cleansing the City, to pay a claim therein mentioned."

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which were read and laid on the table.

Mr. Andress

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of City Property be, and he is hereby directed to sell the deer that is now in the public square or squares of the City, and that no more shall be placed therein.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Abbey

Moved to amend the same, on the first and second lines, by striking out the words "Commissioner of City Property be, and he is hereby directed to sell," and insert in lieu thereof, "Committee on City Property inquire into the expediency of selling."

Which was agreed to.

And the resolution as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Stuart

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars be, and is hereby appropriated to John Q. Adams, Assistant Clerk of Common Council, for the purposes set forth in a resolution adopted by this Council at the last stated meeting, appropriating a like sum to John M. Riley, Clerk, and Christopher Steele, Assistant Clerk, said amount to be paid out of the appropriations made to Clerks of Councils.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

The question being, on agreeing to the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Painter and Hoppel.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Copeland, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Giller, Gray, Griscom, Green, Hoffman, Laws, Lloyd, Moran, Manuel, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Reed, Stuart, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Berry, Butcher, Boswell, Eastwick, Gibson, Gratz, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Painter, Rhoads, Stallman.

Yeas 22 ; nays 13.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Boswell

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the place for holding the election in the Fifth Division of the Twenty-fourth Ward, shall be the public hall, formerly Commissioners' Hall, in the said Ward, and the place for holding the elections in the Sixth Division of the Twenty-fourth Ward, shall be the office of James Allen, on the south side of Chestnut street, between William and Till streets, in said Ward, it being impracticable to continue the elections for the said divisions in the places in which they have heretofore been held.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Hoppel

Moved a call of the house.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gay, Green, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Moran, Manuel, Norton,

Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Read, Rhoads, Stuart, Stallman, Diehl, *President*.—36.

And the absentees noted :

Messrs. Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Boyle, Cowell, Cresswell, Crispin, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Grove, Gray, Gillingham, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Hoffman, Harper, Horn, Hacker, Hilles, Larzalere, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Margarge, Powell, Preston, Randall, Roberts, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Taylor, Verree, Watt, Wickersham, Wagner—38.

When the Sergeant-at-Arms proceeded to bring in the absent members.

After a short time Messrs. Gray, Mercer, Watt, Horn, and Powell entered the Chamber, which made a quorum ; and Council proceeded to the consideration of the resolution of Mr. Boswell.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Moran

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of the resolutions relative to the election divisions of the Second Ward.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

A Supplement to the Joint Resolutions approved March 19, 1855, entitled "Joint Resolutions relative to changing the election divisions of the Second Ward, and the places of holding elections."

Resolved, That so much of the Joint Resolutions, approved March 19th, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, entitled "Joint Resolutions relative to changing the election divisions of the Second Ward, and the places of holding elections," as prescribes the limits of the Ninth Division, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Resolved, That the Ninth Division of said Ward shall be comprised within the following limits, viz: Commencing at Ninth and Washington or Prime street; thence along Ninth street to Little Washington street; along Little Washington street to Eleventh street; along Eleventh street to Christian street; along Christian street to Ninth street; along Ninth street to Carpenter street; along Carpenter street to Eighth street; along Eighth street to Washington or Prime street, to the place of beginning.

Resolved, That so much of the said Joint Resolutions to which this is a supplement, as defines the place of holding the election in the First Division of the Second Ward, be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the election in said First Division shall be held at the house of John Metz, north-east corner of Jefferson Avenue and Federal street.

Which were read twice and passed.

And the title was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Butcher

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the place for voting in the Second Division of the Twenty-fourth Ward, shall be at the house of John Mourer, at the corner of Gray's Lane and the West Chester Road, it being impracticable to hold the election at the old place, in consequence of the property having been sold and converted into a private dwelling.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Griscom

Offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, By a summary proceeding before Alderman Jacob Snider, of Tenth Ward, William Mullen was mulcted in the sum of five dollars and one dollar and fifty-six cents costs, on a charge of violation of an Ordinance of the City, in throwing his cart load of coal into a vault through an opening in the side-walk, and the City Solicitor has ordered

said penalty and costs to be remitted after payment thereof had been made by said William Mullen; therefore

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be, and hereby is, instructed to draw his warrant on the City Treasurer, in favor of the said William Mullen, for the sum of six dollars and fifty-six cents, for the refunding of the same to the said William Mullen.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Painter (on leave),

Presented a petition from citizens of the old district of the Northern Liberties, asking that a law may be passed authorizing the construction of a culvert from the west side of New Market street along Laurel street to the Cohocksink creek, in the Sixteenth Ward.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have received a report from the Select Committee to whom was referred the purchase of the site for a market house, at the corner of Ninth and Locust streets, and transmit the same for information.

The Committee to whom was referred the purchase of the site for a market-house, by the late corporation of the "Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia," situated on the south side of Locust street, and west side of Ninth street, beg leave to report, that they have had the subject under consideration; they have had before them the various contracts made with George W. Brown, and the parties in interest, made by authority of the then Committee of City Property, passed Tuesday, January 31, 1854, amounting in all to the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars.

The Committee would further report, that although satisfied the sum contracted to be paid for the above lot is excessive in price, and much above the value of the lot, yet they have had no testimony before them to show any collusion between the parties purchasing and the owners of the property.

The Committee must also refer to the unnecessary haste with which the then Committee on City Property acted in the purchase of the various sites for markets, made at the time the purchase of this property was effected, as by reference to the minutes of the said Committee will appear, namely, a meeting of the Committee was held on January 30th, 1854, at 6, P. M.; again the same evening at 10, P. M.; again on Tuesday, January 31st, at 4, P. M.; again on Wednesday, February 1st; again on February 2d; and again on February 6th; and that at the time when the passage of the Act to consolidate the various municipalities was hourly expected. For a more full explanation of the history and position of the City in the above purchases, reference is directed to the printed report annexed, styled a "statement of facts relative to the purchase of property by the City of Philadelphia, from George W. Brown, et al."

The Committee would therefore recommend that the terms of the contract entered into by George W. Brown, for the purchase of the properties on the south side of Locust street, and west side of Ninth street, as above stated, be complied with.

The Committee would therefore offer the following resolution, and respectfully ask its adoption.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized and directed to report an Ordinance to Councils, making an appropriation to George W. Brown, in payment of the purchase of the lots on the south side of Locust street, and west of Ninth street, as authorized by the late corporation of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia, for the second day of February, A. D., 1854.

J. L. HUTCHINSON,
Chairman.

ANDREW HAGUE,
WM. O. KLINE,
CHAS. E. GRAEFF,
S. S. BISHOP,
CHAS. T. JONES,
C. S. DUNK,
ROBERT NEWELL.

Committee Room, March 20, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Balch

Moved that the same be laid on the table.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Bumm, Conrad, Corlies, Gibson, Gillingham, Gay, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Parham, Read, Rhoads, Roberts.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Dunk, Davenport, Eastwick, Giller, Gray, Griscom, Green, Horn, Hubbard, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Stuart, Stallman, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 14; nays 29.

Which was not agreed to.

Also,

Moved that the resolution be referred to a joint Special Committee of three from each Chamber.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch and Parham.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Balch, Bumm, Gibson, Gay, Green, Hoppel, Hassinger, Lloyd, Manuel, Parham, Read, Roberts.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Eastwick, Giller, Gay, Griscom, Horn, Hubbard, Laws, Mercer, Moran, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Rhoads, Stuart, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 13; nays 31.

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Eastwick, Giller, Gray, Griscom, Horn, Hubbard, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Stuart, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Balch, Bumm, Conrad, Gibson, Gay, Green, Hoppel, Hassinger, Laws, Parham, Read, Rhoads, Roberts.

Yeas 30 ; nays 14.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Griscom (on leave granted)

Presented a communication from the Philadelphia Engine Company, informing that they have agreed to accept the ordinance reorganizing the Fire Department of the City.

Which was referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

A communication from R. A. F. Penrose, M. D., soliciting the appointment of vaccine physician.

Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Hoppel

Presented a bill of Jacob Miller, for painting lamp-posts in the late district of Kensington, amounting to \$85 50.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be directed to report to Councils, at as early a date as possible, what action has taken place towards providing a uniform for the Police.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Law report what number of lawyers they have engaged to codify the Ordinances of the Consolidated City, and at what compensation and by what authority they have made said appointment.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be required to cause the removal forthwith of the cubical blocks, now occupying Vine street from Delaware avenue to Front street, so that it may be occupied for a fish stand during the fish season.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be instructed to inquire into the policy of the City government discontinuing the receipt and inspection of tobacco, with such information as they may be able to obtain bearing on the subject; and also report on the expediency of advertising for proposals to rent the tobacco warehouse.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Committees on Highways and Surveys, be directed to report to Councils under what survey and regulation the streets in Twenty-fourth Ward are being graded, and by what authority the work is being done at the present time, and whether it is expected to grade Washington street in conformity with the confirmed plan.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Surveys be instructed to report a supplementary bill, reducing the salary of the City Surveyors, and making such other modifications in the Ordinance providing for the organization of the Department of Surveys, as they may deem necessary, and to report at the next meeting of Councils.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be instructed to report a bill dedicating Lemon Hill as a Public Park.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Giller

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed, and referred to the Committee on City Property.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk of Select Council be directed to inform Common Council that this Chamber is prepared to meet them in Convention on Thursday next, for the purpose of electing one principal and twelve assistant Surveyors.

Which was read, and

Mr. Norton

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk of Common Council be directed to inform Select Council that this Chamber will be ready to meet them on Thursday next, March 22d, in Con-

vention, to elect one principal and twelve assistant Surveyors.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Eastwick

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel and O'Neill.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gay, Horn, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Newell, Powell, Parham, Read, Rhoads, Roberts.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Dunk, Davenport, Gray, Green, Hubbard, Hoppel, Moran, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Painter, Stuart, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 22 ; nays 20.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Giller

Moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the last motion was agreed to.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Hoppel and Bumm.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Boswell, Dunk, Davenport, Giller, Gray, Green, Hubbard, Hoppel, Moran, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Powell, Painter, Stuart, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Balch, Butcher, Copeland, Con-

rad, Corlies, Eastwick, Gibson, Griscom, Gay, Horn, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Newell, Parham, Read, Rhoads, Roberts.

Yeas 23 ; nays 19.

Which was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the motion to postpone,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch, and Eastwick.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Balch, Butcher, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Eastwick, Gibson, Griscom, Gay, Horn, Hassinger, Lloyd, Newell, Read, Rhoads, Roberts.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Boswell, Dunk, Davenport, Giller, Gray, Green, Hubbard, Hoppel, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Powell, Parham, Painter, Stuart, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 17 ; nays 25.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Boswell

Moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "Thursday next," and insert in lieu thereof, "Thursday the 29th instant."

Mr. O'Neill

Moved an amendment to the amendment, by striking out the words "Thursday the 29th instant," and insert in lieu thereof, "The first Thursday after the second Tuesday in May next."

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Abbey

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the resolution be postponed, for the purpose of going into the consideration of the supplement to the bill relative to the subject.

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Moran and Andress.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Cope-land, Conrad, Corlies, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gay, Horn, Hubbard, Hassinger, Lloyd, Norton, Newell, Powell, Parham, Read, Rhoads, Roberts, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Dunk, Davenport, Gray, Green, Hoppel, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, O'Neill, Painter, Stuart.

Yeas 25 ; nays 17.

Which was agreed to.

And the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The following message was received from the Mayor :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Phila., March 20, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—I have approved and signed the following Ordinances, viz :

An Ordinance to change the boundary lines of the First and Seventh Precincts of the Twenty-third Ward.

An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purposes therein mentioned.

An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the relief of Mrs. Mary Ann Henderson, the widow of John Henderson, a Police Officer.

An Ordinance to make an appropriation for police purposes.

An Ordinance for the regulation of the Department of Gas.

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Norton

Moved that Council do now proceed to the consideration of the bill entitled "A Supplement to an Ordinance passed October 5th, A. D. 1854, entitled "An Ordinance to establish and organize the Department of City Surveyors and Regulators."

Which was agreed to.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Gibson

Moved to amend the same by striking out "\$3000," and insert in lieu thereof, "\$2500."

Mr. Giller

Moved the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed, and referred to the Committee on Surveys, &c.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Norton and Abbey.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gay, Horn, Hassinger, Lloyd, Newell, Powell, Parham, Read, Rhoads, Roberts, Watt.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Dunk, Davenport, Green, Hubbard, Hoppel, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Painter, Stuart, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 20 ; nays 20.

Which was not agreed to.

The amendment was not agreed to.

Section first was then agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways be instructed to inquire into the legality and propriety of annulling the contract for cleansing the streets of the City of Philadelphia (prior to Consolidation), which contract was made and entered into on the 30th day of March A. D. 1853, between Henry Bickley of the first part, and the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of Philadelphia, of the second part, and report the same at the next meeting of Councils.

Which was read, when

Mr. Giller

Moved that this Council do now adjourn.

When the yeas and nays were ordered by Messrs. Norton and Watt.

Which were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Bunm, Butcher, Boswell, Cope-land, Corlies, Dunk, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gay, Horn, Hubbard, Lloyd, Newell, Powell, Parham, Painter, Read, Rhoads, Roberts, Stuart, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Binder, Conrad, Davenport, Hoppel, Hassinger, Mercer, Manuel, Norton, Watt.

Yeas 23 ; nays 11.

So Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 22d, 1855.

Council met—Members present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Berry,
Balch,
Bumm,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Conrad,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Green,
Gratz,
Houseman,
Hoffman,
Horn,
Hacker,
Hubbard,

Messrs. Hoppel,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Lloyd,
Larzalere,
Mercer,
Moran,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Powell,
Pomeroy,
Parham,
Painter,
Preston,
Read,
Rhoads,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Shuster,
Smith,
Stallman,
Verree,
Watt,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President*.

On motion,

The reading of the Journal of last meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from property owners on Centre street, south of Green street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, asking that water-pipes may be introduced in said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Norton

Presented a petition from Wm. S. Price, Esq., attorney for Elizabeth Jones, asking for an appropriation of \$250, to pay road damages in the opening of Reed street, First Ward.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance, in conjunction with the City Solicitor.

Mr. Painter

Presented a communication from George Kelly, containing a statement of facts connected with, and relative to his contract with the late District of Kensington, to grade certain streets.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c., in conjunction with the City Solicitor.

Mr. Hoffman

Presented a petition from property owners on Susquehanna avenue, between Front and Second streets, asking that said avenue may be paved, and water-pipes laid.

Mr. Butcher

Presented a petition from residents of Manayunk and its vicinity, Twenty-first Ward, asking that an appropriation may be made for the payment of damages in the opening of Baker street, (in said Manayunk.)

Which was severally read, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Hacker

Presented a communication from the Secretary of the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company, containing a notice of a meeting of the stockholders of said company, to be held on the 26th inst., to take into consideration the application of the City, relative to the price and terms upon which the Company will dispose of their interest in the same.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Moran

Presented a bill of Lewis C. Cassidy and David Webster, for professional services in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Peter Cullin, charged with homicide, for the sum of \$100.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Verree

Presented a communication from Charles Oat, Superintendent of Trusts, reporting that Frederick A. Luckenback is desirous of borrowing the sum of \$260, from the Franklin or Scott Fund, for young married artificers, and offers as sureties for the payment of the principal and interest, in accordance with the will, John W. Massey and Geo. Luckenback.

The sureties were approved, and referred to the City Solicitor, with power to act.

Mr. Gibson

Presented twenty-four petitions from the members of the police force of the twenty-four Wards of the City, respectively, asking that their yearly pay may be increased to \$600.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Butcher

Presented a petition from a number of citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that Girard Avenue may be opened, and graded east of the River Schuylkill.

Mr. Binder

Presented a petition from property owners on Sixth street, between Montgomery street and the Germantown Road, asking that said street may be paved.

Also,

Petitions from property owners of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Wards, asking that Oxford street, from Sixth to Seventh streets, and from Eighth to Eleventh streets, Columbia Avenue from Cadwalader to Seventh street, and Montgomery street from Fifth to Sixth street, may be opened, curbed and paved, as soon as practicable.

Which was severally read, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Also,

A petition from property owners on Sixth street, between Montgomery street and the Germantown Road, asking that water-pipes may be laid in said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Lloyd

Presented a communication from Edward A. Page, M. D., soliciting the appointment of Vaccine Physician of the Eighth Ward.

Mr. Eastwick

Presented one of similar tenor from Joseph Shippen, M. D., of the same Ward.

Which were severally read, and laid on the table.

Messrs. Houseman, Hubbard and Dunk, each

Presented memorials numerously signed, remonstrating against the removal of the market-houses on Market street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Market-houses.

Mr. Read

Presented a petition from the Non-accepting Fire Companies of the City of Philadelphia, asking that the Ordinance adopted January 25, 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to Re-

organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia," may be repealed, and

Moved

That the same be referred to a Joint Special Committee of three, from each Chamber.

Mr. Verree

Moved to amend, by striking out the words "a Joint Special Committee of three, from each Chamber," and insert in lieu thereof, "The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department."

Mr. Boswell

Moved that the petition be laid on the table.

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Painter and Parham.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Butcher, Boswell, Eastwick, Grove, Gay, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hilles, Has-singer, Larzalere, Mercer, Matthews, Manuel, Pomeroy, Rhoads, Roberts, Shuster, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *Pre-sident*.

NAYS—Messrs. Address, Berry, Bumm, Binder, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Gray, Green, Houseman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Lloyd, Moran, Newell, Parham, Painter, Read, Stallman, Watt.

Yeas 23 ; nays 23.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Address

Moved further to amend, by adding at the end thereof, the words "with instructions to report at the next stated meeting of Councils."

Which was agreed to, and

The question being, will Councils agree to the resolution, as amended,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Larzalere and Hoffman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Address, Berry, Bumm, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Gibson, Gray, Gillingham, Green, Houseman, Hoppel, Manuel, Newell, Parham, Painter, Read, Rhoads, Stallman, Watt.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Dubree, Eastwick, Grove, Gay, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mereer, Matthews, Pomeroy, Roberts, Shuster, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 21 ; nays 25.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Address then

Moved, that the petition be referred to a Joint Special Committee of five, from each Chamber.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Abbey and Hoffman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Address, Berry, Bumm, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Gibson, Gray, Gillingham, Green, Houseman, Hoppel, Moran, Manuel, Newell, Powell, Parham, Painter, Read, Rhoads, Stallman, Watt.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Dubree, Eastwick, Grove, Gay, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Matthews, Pomeroy, Roberts, Shuster, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 23 ; nays 25.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Eastwick

Moved that it be referred to the Joint Special Committee on the Steam Fire Engines.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Painter and Newell.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Dubree, Eastwick, Gay, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hilles, Larzalere, Matthews, Powell, Pomeroy, Rhoads, Roberts, Shuster, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Address, Berry, Bumm, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Gibson, Grove, Gillingham, Green, Hoppel, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, Newell, Parham, Painter, Read, Stallman, Watt.

Yeas 22 ; nays 22.

Mr. Moran

Moved a reconsideration of the question.

Which was agreed to.

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Painter and Newell.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Dubree, Eastwick, Grove, Gay, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Larzalere, Moran, Matthews, Pomeroy, Rhoads, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Address, Berry, Bumm, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Gibson, Gray, Gillingham, Green, Houseman, Hoppel, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Manuel, Newell, Powell, Parham, Painter, Preston, Read, Stallman, Watt.

Yeas 25 ; nays 24.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gillingham

Presented a petition from a number of citizens, asking that the dirt may be removed from Cohocksink creek, east of Beach street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Port Wardens Public Landings, and Wharves.

Also,

A communication from the Independence Hose Company, declining to accept the Ordinance reorganizing the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia.

Which was referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

The President

Laid before Council a communication from Edward L. Spain, Superintendent and Engineer of the construction of Bridges over Gunner's Run Canal, relative to the bridge built by William H. Miles, at York street, over said Canal.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Also,

A petition from a number of lamplighters, employed by the Trustees of the Gas Works, of the late district of West Philadelphia, now Twenty-fourth Ward, asking to be paid for their services for the month of December last.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,

A petition from citizens residing within the boundaries of the Sixth Precinct, Seventh Ward, asking that the places of holding the election in said precinct may be changed.

Which was laid on the table.

Also, the following :

PHILADELPHIA, March 20, 1855.

To the President and Members of the Select Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—I have been directed by the Board of Officers and Managers of the "Philadelphia City Institute," to invite your attendance at the opening exercises, to be held at their Hall, Chesnut and Eighteenth streets, on Thursday evening next, 22d instant, at half past seven o'clock.

DAVID T. BURR,
Recording Secretary.

Also,

A communication from Captain George Stouffer, of the ship Antarctic, relative to the testimonial in appreciation of his efforts, in association with Captains Creighton and Low, in the rescue of the passengers and crew of the steamer San Francisco, in January 1854.

Which was referred to the Special Committee having charge of that subject.

Also,

A communication from George W. Michener, relative to the helpless state of Sarah Dungan, widow of Thomas Dungan, deceased, late Police Officer of the Eighth Ward.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,

A communication from J. L. Elliot, soliciting the appointment of Vaccine Physician of the Fourteenth Ward.

Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Hacker,

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report a bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners."

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

P. A. KEYSER,
W. S. SMITH,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
O. P. CORNMAN
WM. H. J. READ,
EDWARD GRATZ.

Committee Room, March 22, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled " An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Northern Home for Friendless Children, the Foster Home Association, and the Rosine Association of Philadelphia "

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

P. A. KEYSER.
WM. S. SMITH,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
O. P. CORNMAN,
WM. H. J. KEAD,
EDWARD GRATZ.

Committee Room, March 22, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the ac-

companying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and cleansing the City, for the purpose of paying certain road damages."

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

P. A. KEYSER,
WM. S. SMITH,
O. P. CORNMAN,
EDWARD GRATZ,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
WM. H. J. READ.

Committee Room, March 22, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Also,

Reported back from the Committee on Finance, the claims of the Messrs. Grim, for occupation of land situate between Fourth and Washington streets, north of Wager street, from October 1, 1850, to October 1, 1854, amounting to \$2000.

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Butcher,

From the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to fix and establish the grade of Bowman street, between the German-

town Railroad and Hancock street, in the Twenty-second Ward."

P. A. KEYSER,
THOS. T. BUTCHER,
CHARLES HUBBARD,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
O. P. CORNMAN,
NATHAN HILLES,
C. J. HOFFMAN.

Committee Room, March 22, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to fix and establish the grade of Columbia Avenue and Oxford street, between Eighth and Eleventh streets, in the Twentieth Ward."

P. A. KEYSER,
THOS. T. BUTCHER,
CHARLES HUBBARD,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
O. P. CORNMAN,
NATHAN HILLES,
C. J. HOFFMAN,

Committee Room, March 22, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and cleansing the City," to pay a certain claim therein mentioned, for work performed by virtue of a certain contract.

SAMUEL COPELAND,
Chairman.

NATHAN HILLES,
THOS. T. BUTCHER,
CHARLES HUBBARD,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
J. N. MARSELIS,
P. A. KEYSER,
B. R. MILLER,
O. P. CORNMAN,

Committee Room, March 22, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Butcher

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended

for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of the bill No. 60, on Common Council file, relative to the regulation of the paving of the streets.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Newell,

From the Committee on Market-houses, presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Market-houses, to whom was referred the memorial of citizens of the Fifth Ward, residents and owners of property in Pine street, between Front and Second, praying for the removal of the market carts and wagons from that square, have had the subject under consideration, and respectfully report the annexed bill, entitled "An Ordinance to vacate a certain market-stand."

ROBERT NEWELL,
Chairman.

N. L. KEYSER,
WM. M. PARHAM,
JNO. K. KNORR,
WM. S. SMITH,
JOS. MANUEL, JR.,
JOS. M. THOMAS.

Committee Room, March 22, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the question being, shall the bill be prepared for a third reading?

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Butcher and Hubbard.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Address, Eastwick, Gibson, Grove, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Houseman, Hoffman,

Horn, Hacker, Hilles, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Norton, Newell, Parham, Preston, Rhoads, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Butcher, Boswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Dubree, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Lloyd, Powell, Roberts, Stallman.

Yeas 29 ; nays 15.

There being less than two-thirds, it was not agreed to.

Mr. Boswell,

From the Special Committee to provide Medals, presented the following :

The Special Committee, appointed under a joint resolution of Councils in August last, to provide Medals for Captains Creighton, Low, and Stouffer, as a testimonial of the high appreciation of the citizens of Philadelphia, of the services rendered by these gentlemen in rescuing the crew and passengers of the steamship San Francisco, beg leave respectfully to report :

That your Committee have attended to the duties assigned to them, and now have the pleasure of presenting the Medals to Councils for their examination. They are made of fine gold, and each weighs about nine and a quarter ounces. The steel die for striking them was cut by Mr. Thomas B. Welch, of this city, and is a specimen of American art, well calculated to sustain the high reputation which that gentleman already possesses in the line of his profession.

The medals were struck at the United States Mint, under the kind supervision of the director, J. Ross Snowden, Esq.

The cost of the die, which had been ordered by the late Councils of the City of Philadelphia, and which has been paid for, is \$1150 ; and the charges at the Mint for striking the Medals, including the gold for the same, together with a number of copies in bronze, taken for presentation to Councils, as well as to various public institutions, is \$890 16.

The die has been deposited at the Mint, as the property

of the City of Philadelphia, and is subject to such action as Councils may see proper to take at any future time.

As the preparation of these medals does not complete and carry out the intention and purposes of Councils, the Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Joint Special Committee are hereby authorized and requested, to present in the name and on behalf of the corporation of the City of Philadelphia, the aforesaid medals to Captains Creighton, Low, and Stouffer, in such way and manner as they may deem most acceptable to the parties interested.

JAS. J. BOSWELL,
Chairman.

C. B. F. O'NEILL,
A. W. GREEN,
JOS. M. THOMAS,
HENRY L. SMITH.

Which was read twice and passed.

Mr. Gibson

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the matter contained in the communication received from the Superintendent of Trusts, relative to the application of Charles Paulis and Joseph S. Wilt, and their securities, be approved and referred to the Solicitor, in conjunction with the Superintendent therein named, with instruction to have the usual bonds executed.

Which was read twice and passed.

Mr. Andress

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the time named in the Ordinance (entitled an Ordinance to reorganize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia) for the various Fire Companies, to accept the provisions thereof, be and the same is hereby extended until the first day of May, 1855.

Which was decided by the Chair to be out of order.

Also, offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, be directed to report at the next stated meeting of Councils, a supplement to the Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance to reorganize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia," extending the time for said Ordinance to take effect in thirty days, and such other alterations as they may deem necessary.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Verree

Asked for a division of the question on the resolution.

The first division (extending the time to thirty days) being under consideration,

Mr. Boswell

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the resolution be postponed, and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Abbey

Moved to amend the division, by striking out "thirty," and inserting in lieu thereof "fifteen."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Giller and Eastwick.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Dubree, Eastwick, Giller, Grove, Gay, Horn, Mercer, Matthews, Rhoads, Roberts, Shuster, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Berry, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Gibson, Gray, Griscom, Green, Houseman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Lloyd, Larzalere, Moran, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham,

Painter, Preston, Read, Stuart, Smith, Stallman, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 16 ; nays 32.

Which was not agreed to.

The first division was agreed to.

The second division was agreed to.

And the resolution adopted.

Mr. Norton

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Joint Special Committee, heretofore appointed to investigate the facts connected with the contract for the purchase of the lots situated at the southwest corner of Locust and Ninth streets, and bounded by Locust street on the north, by Ninth street on the east, by Shields' alley on the west, be instructed to enquire and ascertain whether George W. Brown was employed by the late Councils of the City of Philadelphia, or by their Committee on City Property, or a member or members thereof (and if so, by whom, and what authority he was employed), as a broker or an agent to negotiate, on behalf of the said City, the purchase of the property above described ; and if the said George W. Brown made such negotiation, what prices were agreed to be paid for the several properties embraced in the said purchase, to the owners thereof, respectively, and in what manner ; whether in cash or securities the payments were to be made, and all other facts connected with such employment, negotiation, and purchase ; and also, that for these purposes the said Committee be directed to examine witnesses, and records, and other papers, and to report the facts and evidence to Councils.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Moran

Moved that the same be laid on the table.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Moran and Norton.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Davenport, Giller, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Moran, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Preston, Read, Smith, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Binder, Butcher, Conrad, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Green, Houseman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Rhoads, Roberts, Shuster, Verree, Wagner.

Yeas 18 ; nays 25.

Which was not agreed to.

Also,

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the resolution be indefinitely postponed.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Norton and Hilles.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Davenport, Giller, Gray, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Moran, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Stuart, Smith, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Binder, Butcher, Conrad, Dunk, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Grove, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Houseman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Larzalere, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Parham, Read, Rhoads, Roberts, Shuster, Verree, Wagner.

Yeas 19 ; nays 30.

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Giller and Pomeroy.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Binder, Butcher, Conrad, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Houseman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Larzalere,

Mercer, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Parham, Read, Rhoads, Roberts, Shuster, Verree, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Boswell, Dunk, Davenport, Giller, Grove, Gray, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Moran, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Smith, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 29 ; nays 20.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Butcher

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Police Committee be directed to report to Councils an Ordinance to provide for the payment of the police hats adopted by the Mayor.

Which was read twice and passed.

Mr. Parham

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Law be instructed to report an Ordinance requiring the City Commissioners to keep open their office daily (Sundays excepted), from 9 o'clock, A. M., until 3 o'clock, P. M., for the transaction of business.

Which was read twice and passed.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented the following :

I take the liberty to give notice that I shall (if living and well on this day two weeks, April 11th) introduce an Ordinance to reduce the expenses of the city government.

Mr. Gillingham

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Commissioners be requested to report to Councils whether or no Messrs. Powers and Campbell, who occupy a portion of the City Property, on the south-east corner of Sixth and Chestnut streets, are

renters of said property from the City, and if so, to whom the rent is paid, and what amount of rent the City derives from said rental.

Which was read twice and passed.

Mr. Binder

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be, and he is hereby directed, to proceed forthwith in the manner required by law, to have the following streets opened, and dedicated to public use, viz :

Oxford street from Sixth to Seventh, and from Eighth to Eleventh.

Columbia Avenue from Cadwalader to Seventh.

Montgomery street from Fifth to Sixth.

Marshall street from Berks street to Germantown road, and

Eighth street from Berks street to the Germantown road.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Boswell

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Pomeroy

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee in the Brown case be directed to report at the next stated meeting of Councils.

Which was read twice and not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed this Council that they had concurred in the

bill entitled "an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, &c., for the payment of the damages assessed for the opening of Dickinson and Jervis streets, East of Front street," with an amendment, to wit:

"Striking out the word 'Front' in the title, and where it occurs in the first section, and inserting the word 'Second.' "

Common Council concurred in the amendment.

Also,

Informed that they had concurred in the bill entitled "A supplement to an Ordinance approved July 25th, 1854, entitled 'An Ordinance prescribing the powers and duties of the City Controller,'" and have amended the second section in the sixth line, by striking out the word "nine" and inserting "eight."

Common Council concurred in the amendment.

Also,

Informed that they have concurred in the resolution relative to fish stands, with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the word "*Resolved*," and insert the following:

"That Councils grant the temporary use of Market and Vine streets, twenty feet in width in the centre of said streets, between Delaware Avenue and water street, for fish stands."

Common Council concurred in the amendment.

Also,

Informed that they have passed the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to inform Council, by whose authority the Police in various Wards refuse to light the Public lamps.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Smith

Moved that the same be laid on the table.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill and Pomeroy.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Green, Hacker, Hoppel, Lloyd, Larzalere, Moran, Manuel, Norton, Preston, Smith, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Dubree, Gillingham, Gay, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Matthews, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Read, Rhoads, Stuart, Shuster, Verree.

Yeas 26 ; nays 18.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they have had under consideration the bill relating to the Clerks and Messengers, and had non-concurred in the amendment made to the same, to Section sixth.

Mr. Pomeroy

Moved that Common Council do insist on their amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that Council do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 29th, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Austin,
Berry,
Balch,
Bumm,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Copeland,
Cowell,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Crispin,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Green,
Gratz,
Graeff,

Messrs. Houseman,
Hoffman,
Horn,
Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Laws,
Lloyd,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Manuel,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Powell,
Pomeroy,
Parham,
Painter,
Preston,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Shuster,
Smith,
Stallman,
Taylor,
Verree,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President.*

Mr. Gray

Moved that the reading of the Journal of last meeting be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Martien

Presented a communication from James Stroud, asking that water-pipes may be laid on Marshall street, north of Jefferson street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

A communication from Charles Ash, of Tenth Ward, soliciting the appointment of "Assistant City Surveyor."

Which was referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Giller

Presented a petition from citizens residing in the Second Precinct, Fourth Ward, asking that the Precinct-house may be changed.

Also,

One of similar tenor from the citizens of Sixth Precinct, in same Ward.

Which were read and referred to the Committee on Law.

Also,

A communication from James Scravendyke, relative to a sum of money loaned by him to the late Borough of Manayunk, secured by a mortgage on the poor-house and farm of said borough, and asking that the same may be discharged as soon as possible.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Berry

Presented a petition from citizens of the Third Divi-

sion, First Ward, asking that the place of holding the elections in said division may be changed.

Mr. Davenport

One of similar tenor from citizens of the First Division, Seventh Ward.

Mr. Smith

Presented one of similar tenor from citizens of the Seventh Division, same Ward.

Mr. Martien

Presented one of similar tenor from citizens of the Sixth Division, Tenth Ward.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Graeff

Presented a petition from a number of citizens of the Twenty-first Ward, asking that Crease's lane, in said Ward, may be opened, widened, and graded.

Mr. Taylor

Presented a petition from owners of property on the Frankford Road, between Norris and Sergeant streets, Nineteenth Ward, asking for a reduction in the price of paving done in front of their premises.

Mr. Houseman

Presented a petition from the "Associated Butchers and Drivers" of Philadelphia, asking that Vine street, from Gray's lane to the Merion Road, and Sixty-fifth street, from the Haverford Plank Road to the West Chester Plank Road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, may be opened, graded, and paved.

Mr. Hassinger

Presented a petition from a number of citizens, owners, and occupants of properties situate, lying, and being on and

in the neighborhood of Lehigh avenue, running east from Second street, in the late district of Kensington, asking that said avenue may be graded.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Green

Presented a petition from John Ritterson, late police officer of the Eighteenth Ward, stating that, in consequence of a wound received by the discharge of a pistol, in the hands of a person he arrested on the night of the 31st of December last, he is a cripple for life and unfit for service, and asks that assistance may be rendered.

Which was referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Hilles

Presented a communication from a number of citizens of the Twenty-third Ward, remonstrating against the sale of a certain lot of ground in the late borough of Frankford, the same having been purchased for public purposes.

Which was referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Copeland

Presented a petition from citizens of the late borough of Manayunk, Twenty-first Ward, asking that Baker street may be opened.

Mr. Dubree

Presented a petition from Benjamin Soultzer, asking that a Committee of Councils may examine the damage his property has sustained on Fifth street, above Thompson street, bordering on the Cohocksink Creek, by reason of the late rains and freshet.

The President

Laid before Councils a communication from Matthew Newkirk, releasing all claims for damages in the opening of

Girard avenue, between Landing avenue and the Reading Railroad, the City to curb, pave and fence his property.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Also,

A communication from Robert J. Hemphill, Secretary of the Controllers of Public Schools, together with the thirty-sixth report of "The Controllers of the Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania," giving in detail the name and salary of each teacher connected with the Public Schools of this City; also, the average cost for books and stationery furnished each pupil out of the School Fund.

Which was referred to the Committee on Schools.

Also,

A communication from the same party, asking permission to use the second story room of the Commissioners' Hall, Third street, below Green, for school purposes.

Which was referred to the Committee on City Property.

Also,

A communication from the same, asking that a public lamp may be placed in front of the High School building, corner of Broad and Green streets.

Mr. Smith

Presented petitions from citizens and owners of property on High and Manheim streets, (Germantown,) Twenty-second Ward, asking that gas lamps may be placed on said streets.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Police.

The President

Laid before Councils the following :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, }
Phila., March 29, 1855. }

To the Select and Common Councils :

The undersigned reports having received nine plans for the proposed bridge at Chestnut street, Schuylkill. As they cannot be conveniently exhibited in the Council Chamber, they have been placed in the office of this department, and are open for the inspection of members.

A report made to the late County Board, by Thomas S. Stewart, Civil Engineer, is herewith submitted, and copies of the same laid on the desks of members.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS BIRCH,

Chief Commissioner of Highways.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from Wm. Newell, lessee of a certain lot of ground on the west side of Seventh street, near Montgomery street (in the late District of Penn), asking compensation for damages his property sustained in the opening of said streets.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Gillingham

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended, for the purpose of offering a resolution to inform Select Council that we are now ready to meet them in convention, for the election of surveyors.

Mr. Verree

Asked for a division of the question.

The first division (to suspend the order of business)

being under consideration, and the question being, Will Council agree to the same?

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gillingham and Laws.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Bumm, Binder, Copeland, Cowell, Dunk, Dennis, Grove, Gray, Gillingham, Green, Graeff, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Preston, Smith.

NAYS—Messrs. Balch, Boswell, Conrad, Corlies, Crispin, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gay, Gratz, Hoffman, Hilles, Hassinger, Norton, Newell, Powell, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Stallman, Taylor, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 30 ; nays 25.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Gillingham

Then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk inform Select Council that Common Council is prepared to meet them in convention, for the purpose of electing one Chief and twelve District Surveyors.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Newell

Moved to amend the same, after the word "convention," by adding the words, "on Thursday next."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Verree and Newell.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell,

Conrad, Corlies, Crispin, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Gay, Gratz, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Martien, Newell, Powell, Roberts, Stallman, Taylor, Verree, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Address, Austin, Berry, Bumm, Binder, Copeland, Cowell, Dunk, Dennis, Giller, Grove, Gray, Gillingham, Green, Graeff, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Preston, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 23 ; nays 35.

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gillingham and Laws.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Address, Austin, Berry, Bumm, Binder, Copeland, Cowell, Dunk, Giller, Grove, Gray, Gillingham, Green, Graeff, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Mercer, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Preston, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Crispin, Dubree, Gibson, Gay, Gratz, Hoffman, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Newell, Powell, Roberts, Stallman, Taylor, Verree, Wagner.

Yeas 32 ; nays 22.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Giller,

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to offer the following report :

At a meeting of the Committee on Finance, held on

Monday evening, March 26th, 1855, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a sub-committee of three be appointed, to proceed to Harrisburg to have a supplement passed, to authorize the City of Philadelphia to make a temporary loan of \$500,000, at no longer period than six months.

And offer the following resolution.

JOHN U. GILLER,
EDWARD GRATZ,
WM. F. SMITH,
ALGERNON S. ROBERTS,
O. P. CORNMAN,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
P. A. KEYSER,
WM. O. KLINE.

Committee Room, March 29, 1855.

Resolved, That the action of the Finance Committee, in endeavoring to procure the passage of the supplementary bill now before the Legislature, so that the City may make temporary loans, meets the approval of these Councils.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

And the question being, will Council agree to the same?

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill and Balch.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Parham, Preston, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Balch, Cresswell, Corlies, Crispin,

Gay, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, O'Neill, Powell, Painter, Roberts, Taylor.

Yeas 44 ; nays 14.

It was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled " An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for the purchase of certain lots of ground situate on the south side of Locust street and the west side of Ninth street, in the Eighth Ward."

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

EDWARD GRATZ,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
O. P. CORNMAN,
JOHN U. GILLER,
WM. S. SMITH,
P. A. KEYSER,
WM. F. SMITH.

Committee Room, March 29, 1855.

Which was read, when

Mr. Verree

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Verree and Norton.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Balch, Binder, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Crispin, Dubree, Gibson, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Houseman, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Parham, Read, Roberts, Shuster, Stallman, Taylor, Verree, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bumm, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Eastwick,

Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Graeff, Hoffman, Horn, Laws, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Smith, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 28 ; nays 28.

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to proceeding to the second reading of the bill,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gibson and Balch.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Eastwick, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gratz, Graff, Hoffman, Horn, Mercer, Moran, Martien, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Stuart, Smith, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dubree, Gibson, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Houseman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Manuel, Norton, Parham, Read, Roberts, Shuster, Stallman, Taylor, Verree, Wagner.

Yeas 30 ; nays 29.

Which was agreed to.

Section first being under consideration,

The President and members of Select Council having been introduced, took their seats in convention for the election of surveyors.

Mr. Bullock

Moved that we proceed to ballot for Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Martien

Moved that the nominations be read.

Which was agreed to.

The convention then went into a ballot.

The clerks reported that eighty votes were cast, and resulted as follows:

Select Council,

Messrs. Bulleek, Duffee, Hague, Hinman, Jones, N. L. Keyser, P. A. Keyser, Kline, Marselis, Roberts, Sandgran, H. L. Smith, Stokes, Thomas.

14 voted for Strickland Kneass.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Bumm, Binder, Copeland, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Graeff, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Taylor, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

46 voted for Strickland Kneass.

In all 60 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Caldwell, Cornman, Hutchinson, Miller, Selby, W. S. Smith, Verree, *President*.

7 voted for Charles M. Eakin.

Common Council,

Messrs. Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Corlies, Eastwick, Grove, Gratz, Moran, Martien, Parham, Preston, Verree.

12 voted for Charles M. Eakin.

In all 19 votes.

Common Council,

Mr. Painter voted for John E. Carver.

Strickland Kneass having received 60 votes, he was declared elected Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

Mr. Bullock

Moved that the convention ballot for twelve Surveyors, and vote for them promiscuously.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, Caldwell, Cornman, Hinman, Jones, N. L. Keyser, P. A. Keyser, Marselis, Miller, Roberts, Selby, H. L. Smith, W. S. Smith, Stokes, Verree, *President*.

15 voted for Charles S. Close.

Common Council,

Messrs. Andress, Austin, Berry, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Copeland, Cowell, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Durbree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Griscom, Gillingham, Graeff, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Laws, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Powell, Parham, Painter, Preston, Read, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Diehl, *President*.

40 voted for Charles S. Close.

55 in all.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, Caldwell, Cornman, Duffee, Hague, Hinman, Hutchinson, Jones, N. L. Keyser, P. A. Keyser, Kline, Marselis, Miller, Roberts, Selby, H. L. Smith, W. S. Smith, Stokes, Thomas, Verree, *President*.

20 voted for D. Hudson Shedaker.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Giller, Grove, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Hoffinan, Horn, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, Newell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

38 voted for D. Hudson Shedaker.

58 votes in all.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, Caldwell, Cornman, Hague, Hinman, Hutchinson, Jones, P. A. Keyser, Kline, Miller, Roberts, H. L. Smith, Stokes.

13 voted for Francis Lightfoot.

Common Council,

Messrs. Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Cresswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Graeff, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Preston, Stallman, Verree.

37 voted for Francis Lightfoot.

50 votes in all.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, Cornman, Hague, Hinman, Hutchinson, Jones, N. L. Keyser, P. A. Keyser, Marselis, Roberts, Selby, H. L. Smith, W. S. Smith, Stokes, Thomas, Verree, *President*.

16 voted for Joseph King, Jr.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Copeland, Cowell, Conrad, Dunk, Gibson, Grove, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Read, Smith, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

36 voted for Joseph King, Jr.

52 votes in all.

Select Council,

Messrs. Caldwell, Duffee, Jones, Miller, Selby, H. L. Smith, W. S. Smith.

8 voted for Jesse Lightfoot.

Common Council,

Messrs. Andress, Austin, Berry, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Cresswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Giller, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Green, Graeff, Houseman, Hoffman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Nor-

ton, Newell, Powell, Parham, Preston, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Stallman, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

43 voted for Jesse Lightfoot.

51 votes in all.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, Caldwell, Cornman, Duffee, Hinman, Hutchinson, Jones, N. L. Keyser, Kline, Marselis, Miller, Roberts, Selby, W. S. Smith, Stokes, Thomas, Verree, *President*.

17 voted for Spencer Bonsall.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bumm, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gay, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Hoffman, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Moran, Martien, Norton, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Read, Smith, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

34 voted for Spencer Bonsall.

51 votes in all.

Select Council,

Messrs. Caldwell, Cornman, Duffee, Jones, N. L. Keyser, P. A. Keyser, Miller, Selby, H. L. Smith, Verree, *President*.

10 voted for James P. Davis.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Address, Austin, Berry, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hoppel, Hilles, Laws, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, O'Neill, Powell, Painter, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Verree, Watt, Wagner.

44 voted for James P. Davis.

54 votes in all.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, Caldwell, Cornman, Duffee, Hague, Hinman, Hutchinson, Jones, P. A. Keyser, Kline, Marselis, Miller, Roberts, Selby, H. L. Smith, W. S. Smith, Stokes, Thomas, Verree, *President*.

19 voted for William Read.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Copeland, Cowell, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Preston, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Verree, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

52 voted for William Read.

71 votes in all.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, Cornman, Duffee, Hague, Hinman, Hutchinson, P. A. Keyser, Marselis, Miller, Selby, H. L. Smith, W. S. Smith, Stokes, Thomas, Verree, *President*.

15 voted for Henry A. Frink.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Bumm, Butcher, Conrad, Dunk, Davenport, Gibson, Grove, Griscom, Green, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Verree, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

32 voted for Henry A. Frink.

47 votes in all.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, Cornman, Duffee, Hague, Hinman, Hutchinson, Jones, N. L. Keyser, P. A. Keyser, Kline,

Marselis, Roberts, Selby, H. L. Smith, W. S. Smith, Stokes, Thomas, Verree, *President*.

18 voted for Henry Haines.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Copeland, Cresswell, Conrad, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Preston, Read, Roberts, Shuster, Stallman, Verree, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

48 voted for Henry Haines.

66 votes in all.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, Caldwell, Cornman, Duffee, Hague, Hinman, Hutchinson, Jones, N. L. Keyser, P. A. Keyser, Marselis, Miller, Roberts, Stokes, Selby.

15 voted for John Levering.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Binder, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Gillingham, Green, Graeff, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Laws, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Powell, Parham, Painter, Preston, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Verree, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

40 voted for John Levering.

55 votes in all.

Select Council,

Messrs. Cornman, Caldwell, Duffee, Hague, Hinman, Kline, Marselis, Selby, H. L. Smith, Thomas.

10 voted for Amos Stiles, Jr.

Common Council,

Messrs. Address, Berry, Balch, Butcher, Cowell, Cresswell, Dubree, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Moran, Martien, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Verree, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

35 voted for Amos Stiles, Jr.

45 votes in all.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, Caldwell, Cornman, Hutchinson, Jones, N. L. Keyser, P. A. Keyser, Miller, Roberts, W. S. Smith, Stokes, Verree, *President*.

12 voted for Edward D. Roberts.

Common Council,

Messrs. Address, Berry, Binder, Copeland, Cowell, Dunk, Dubree, Gillingham, Gay, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Lloyd, Manuel, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Stallman, Verree, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

30 voted for Edward D. Roberts.

42 votes in all.

Select Council,

Messrs. Hinman, Hutchinson, Jones, N. L. Keyser, Miller, Roberts, Selby, W. S. Smith, Stokes, Verree, *President*.

10 voted for Isaac Shallcross.

Common Council,

Messrs. Austin, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Conrad, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Hubbard, Hilles, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Powell,

Parham, Painter, Preston, Smith, Stallman, Taylor, Verree, Wagner.

33 voted for Isaac Shallcross.

43 votes in all.

Select Council,

Messrs. Duffee, Hague, Hutchinson, N. L. Keyser, H. L. Smith, W. S. Smith, Verree, *President*.

7 voted for Henry A. Scheetz.

Common Council,

Messrs. Austin, Balch, Bumm, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Davenport, Dubree, Gray, Gay, Gratz, Horn, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Martien, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Preston, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Smith, Stallman, Verree, Watt, Wagner.

31 voted for Henry A. Scheetz.

38 votes in all.

Select Council,

Messrs. Caldwell and Jones voted for J. E. Montgomery.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Balch, Bumm, Boswell, Cresswell, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Eastwick, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gratz, Graeff, Hoffman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Norton, Pomeroy, Parham, Preston, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

36 voted for J. E. Montgomery.

38 votes in all.

Select Council,

Messrs. Duffee, Hague, Miller, Roberts, Thomas.

5 voted for Samuel M. Rea.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Address, Austin, Berry, Balch, Bumm, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Griscom, Gay, Green, Gratz, Laws, Newell, Painter, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Stallman.

24 voted for Samuel M. Rea.

29 votes in all.

Common Council,

Mr. Green voted for Jonathan Eggleton.

Select Council,

Messrs. Hinaman, N. L. Keyser, H. L. Smith.

3 voted for Robert T. Frailey.

Common Council,

Messrs. Austin, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cowell, Davenport, Dennis, Gibson, Houseman, Hoppel, Hilles, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Preston, Stuart, Verree.

19 voted for Robert T. Frailey.

22 votes in all.

Common Council,

Messrs. Cresswell, Hassinger, Read, Roberts.

4 voted for James Miller.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, N. L. Keyser, H. L. Smith, W. S. Smith.

4 voted for A. H. Hopkinson.

Common Council,

Messrs. Balch, Boswell, Cresswell, Eastwick, Griscom, Gratz, Hassinger, Norton, Wagner.

9 voted for A. H. Hopkinson.

13 votes in all.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, Hutchinson, Marselis, Stokes.

4 voted for Charles Ash.

Common Council,

Messrs. Cowell, Conrad, Laws, Martien, Newell.

5 voted for Charles Ash.

9 votes in all.

Select Council,

Messrs. Caldwell, Hague, Kline, Marselis.

4 voted for Edward L. Spain.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Dubree, Eastwick, Griscom, Gay, Green, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Read.

9 voted for Edward L. Spain.

13 votes in all.

Select Council,

Messrs. Kline and Roberts voted for Benjamin Moore.

Common Council,

Messrs. Copeland, Cresswell, Conrad, Horn, Hassinger, O'Neill, Roberts.

7 voted for Benjamin Moore.

9 votes in all.

Select Council,

Mr. Thomas voted for T. L. Patterson.

Common Council,

Mr. Balch voted for T. L. Patterson.

Select Council,

Mr. Thomas voted for Charles Potts.

Select Council,

Messrs. Duffee, Hague, Kline, Marselis, Thomas.

5 voted for Thomas Daly.

Common Council,

Messrs. Cresswell, Hassinger.

2 voted for Thomas Daly.

7 votes in all.

Select Council,

Mr. Kline voted for John Foulkrod.

Common Council,

Messrs. Austin, Cresswell, Hassinger, O'Neill, Roberts.

5 voted for John Foulkrod.

6 votes in all.

Select Council,

Messrs. N. L. Keyser, P. A. Keyser, Verree, *President*.

3 voted for Samuel Smedley.

Common Council,

Mr. Boswell voted for Samuel Smedley.

4 votes in all.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Houseman, Hoffman, Mercer, Norton.

8 voted for Wm. F. Mercier.

Common Council,

Messrs. Austin, Dubree, O'Neill.

3 voted for Jos. S. Siddall.

The Clerks reported that 79 votes were cast for the following:

Charles S. Close,	55	votes.	Elected.
D. Hudson Shedaker,	58	"	"
Francis Lightfoot,	50	"	"
Joseph King, Jr.,	52	"	"
Jesse Lightfoot,	51	"	"
Spencer Bonsall,	51	"	"
James P. Davis,	54	"	"
William Read,	71	"	"
Henry A. Frink,	47	"	"
Henry Haines,	66	"	"
John Levering,	55	"	"
Amos Stiles, Jr.,	45	"	"
Isaac Shallcross,	43	"	
Edwd. D. Roberts,	42	"	
J. E. Montgomery,	38	"	
Henry A. Scheetz,	38	"	
Samuel M. Rea,	29	"	
Robert T. Frailey,	22	"	
A. H. Hopkinson,	13	"	
Edward L. Spain,	13	"	
Benjamin Moore,	9	"	
Wm. F. Mercier,	8	"	
Thomas Daly,	7	"	
John Foulkrod,	6	"	
Charles Ash,	9	"	
Samuel Smedley,	4	"	
Joseph S. Siddall,	3	"	
T. L. Patterson,	2	"	
James Miller,	4	"	
Charles Potts,	1	"	
Jonathan Eggleton,	1	"	

Mr. O'Neill

Presented the following protest, which was ordered to be entered on the Journal :

We protest against the decision of the President of this Convention in allowing Messrs. B. R. Miller, Wm. M. Parham and George Griscom, to change their votes after the Clerks had announced the vote as recorded, and by this means the election could be changed, which might open a door to corruption and fraud.

C. B. F. O'NEILL,
THOS. BALCH,
R. P. GILLINGHAM,
NATHAN HILLES.

Select Council then retired to their Chamber, and Council resumed the consideration of the bill.

There being less than a quorum of members present,

Mr. Balch

Moved that this Council do now adjourn, to meet on Tuesday next, at three o'clock.

Which was agreed to.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 3d, 1855.

Council met, pursuant to adjournment.—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Austin,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bumm,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Copeland,
Cowell,
Conrad,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Green,
Gratz,
Hoffman,
Hacker,

Messrs. Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Lloyd,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Powell,
Pomeroy,
Parham,
Painter,
Preston,
Read,
Stuart,
Scheetz,
Smith,
Taylor,
Verree,
Watt,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President*.

The President

Laid before Council a petition from a large number of citizens and property-holders, asking that Alleghany avenue, from the Frankford Road to the Germantown Road, may be opened and graded, as laid down on the plan of the city.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Also,

A communication from the Board of Trade, recommending the expediency of taking a correct and faithful census of the City, under the orders, and at the expense of the City Government, embracing the number of the inhabitants and houses of the present corporate limits, together with the amount of capital invested in the manufacturing and mechanical operations, and the value of products; also, a statement of our public institutions, charitable, literary, and professional; number of our churches, hospitals, colleges, schools, houses of correction and libraries, our academies of science and art; in short, all that pertains to, and exhibits the social civilization of a community.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

The following message was received from the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Phila., March 27, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:—I have approved and signed the following Ordinances, viz:

“An Ordinance to fix and establish the grade of Bowman street, between the Germantown Railroad and Hancock street, in the Twenty-second Ward.”

“An Ordinance to fix and establish the grade of Columbia avenue and Oxford streets, between Eighth and Eleventh streets, in the Twentieth Ward.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the

City, to pay a certain claim therein mentioned for work performed by virtue of a certain contract."

"A supplement to an Ordinance, approved July 25th, 1854, entitled 'An Ordinance prescribing the powers and duties of the City Controller.'"

"An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the department of City Commissioners."

"An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City, for the payment of the damages assessed for the opening of Dickinson and Jervis streets, east of Second street."

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Council

Then resumed the consideration of the bill to pay for the purchase of certain lots of ground at the corner of Ninth and Locust streets.

And after some time spent in the discussion of the same,

Mr. Dennis

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed, and referred to a joint special committee of three, from each chamber, to confer with Mr. Brown upon the subject.

On this question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch and Moran.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Balch, Bumm, Butcher, Conrad, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Mereer, Matthews, Norton, Newell, Parham, Read, Scheetz, Taylor, Verree, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Dunk, Davenport, Eastwick, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gratz, Hoffman, Hacker, Hubbard, Lloyd,

Moran, Martien, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Stuart, Smith, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 25 ; nays 28.

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the first section,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Moran and Norton.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Dunk, Davenport, Eastwick, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Hoffinan, Hacker, Lloyd, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Stuart, Smith, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Balch, Bumm, Conrad, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Mercer, Norton, Newell, Parham, Read, Scheetz, Taylor, Verree, Wagner.

Yeas 28 ; nays 24.

Which was agreed to.

The second section being under consideration, and the question being on agreeing to the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Dunk, Davenport, Eastwick, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Hoffinan, Hacker, Hubbard, Lloyd, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Stuart, Smith, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Balch, Bumm, Conrad, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Mercer, Norton, Newell, Parham, Read, Scheetz, Taylor, Verree, Wagner.

Yeas 29 ; nays 22.

Which was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and on the final passage of the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch and Gibson.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Dunk, Davenport, Eastwick, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Hoffman, Hacker, Hubbard, Lloyd, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Stuart, Smith, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Balch, Bumm, Conrad, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Mercer, Norton, Newell, Parham, Read, Scheetz, Taylor, Verree, Wagner,

Yeas 29 ; nays 22.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

The President announced that the bill was passed, when Messrs. Balch and Mercer

Presented the following appeal :

We appeal because the President did not state that two-thirds were required, at the time when the third reading was announced ; and also because we called for the yeas and nays at what (as we now understand the decision of the Chair), was the proper time.

THOMAS BALCH,
JOHN A. MERCER.

Which, on motion of Mr. Smith, was laid on the table.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have concurred in the resolution relative to the Mayor contracting with Messrs. Purdy, Phillips and Robinson for the erection of a Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, and have amended the same by

adding to the end thereof, the words, "Subject to the supervision of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department and Police."

The question being on Council concurring in the amendment,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gibson and Dougherty.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Balch, Boswell, Cowell, Dunk, Dennis, Eastwick, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Gratz, Hoffman, Hacker, Hilles, Lloyd, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Stuart, Smith, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Bumm, Copeland, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Gay, Green, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Powell, Parham, Read, Scheetz, Verree.

Yeas 28 ; nays 19.

Which was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Dennis,

From the Committee on Gas, presented the following :

The Committee on Gas having carefully examined the condition and prospects of the Gas Works, especially with reference to the obligations imposed on the trustees by the late ordinance for regulating the Department of Gas, find that, in order to enable the trustees fully and economically to carry out the provisions of that ordinance, and to secure the benefits therein contemplated to the citizens at large, it is indispensably necessary that additional means should be provided for those purposes.

It is not deemed practicable to carry on the operations economically on long credits, for although supplies of coals, iron castings, lumber, bricks, and some other articles may, by paying high prices, be obtained on credit of moderate duration, yet the monthly disbursements for labor, freights,

and other cash items, are of such an amount as to need the control at all times of sufficient means; and it may be observed here, that true economy, and justice to the customers of the establishment, demand that all the dealings of the trust should be for cash.

As the citizens in many portions of the enlarged City not yet supplied with pipes are desirous of using gas, and as it cannot be furnished to them in any other way than at the expense of the applicants, unless means be authorized by Councils for the purpose, they are of the opinion that there ought to be immediately furnished for the use of the trustees, for the completion of the works, for the laying of mains and service pipes, for the purchase of meters, and also for carrying on their current operations, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, the interest on which, as well as the principal, to be repaid by the trustees out of the profits of the works. It is understood not to be the design of the trustees to use this authority any faster than it can be advantageously and justly employed.

We find they are desirous of avoiding, as much as possible, any increase of their interest account.

The Committee respectfully report to Councils the annexed ordinance and resolution for their approval.

WM. H. DENNIS,
Chairman.

JOSEPH MANUEL, JR.,
J. L. HUTCHINSON,
ANSON GRAY,
C. S. GROVE,
JONATHAN BULLOCK,
A. G. WATERMAN,
W. H. STOKES,
HENRY L. SMITH,
JOHN LLOYD.

Committee Room, March 27, 1855.

Resolved, That the clerk be authorized and required to publish in two daily newspapers, of this City, daily, for four weeks, the ordinance presented to the Common Council, on the third day of April, 1855, being an adjourned

stated meeting of Council, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan for the extension of gas pipes and fixtures for the distribution and manufacture of gas," and the said clerk, at the stated meeting of Councils next, after the expiration of four weeks from the first day of said publication, shall present to this Council one of each of the said newspapers, for every day in which the same shall have been made.

Which was read twice and passed.

The Ordinance was read.

Mr. Balch

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Select Council be informed that this chamber will meet them on Thursday next, in convention, for the purpose of electing the Chief Engineer and seven Assistant Engineers of the Fire Department.

Which was read twice and passed.

Mr. Martien

Presented the following:

To the Hon. the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN: I am directed to return you the following, being the result of a ballot had this evening by the Board of Directors of the Fire Department, for Chief Engineer, under the provisions of an Ordinance to reorganize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia, and adopted by Councils, January 25, 1855:

Whole number of votes cast 50.

Of which,

P. Fearon had	- - - - -	40
B. A. Shoemaker	- - - - -	40
T. West Blake	- - - - -	39

Attest:

WM. A. ROLIN,

Sec'y Board of Directors Fire Department.

Hall of the Fire Association, }

Philad'a, March 31, 1855. }

To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—I am directed to return you the following, being the result of a ballot had this evening, by the Board of Directors of the Fire Department, for Assistant Engineers, under the provisions of the “Ordinance to Reorganize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia,” and adopted by Councils, January 25, 1855.

Whole number of votes cast, 50.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Isaac Lower received	- - - - -	46
William Hazel “	- - - - -	31
John Smith “	- - - - -	25

SECOND DISTRICT.

John White received	- - - - -	45
John A. Rolin “	- - - - -	35
J. B. Morasso “	- - - - -	26

THIRD DISTRICT.

William A. Thorp received	- - - - -	40
S. A. Batturs “	- - - - -	26
J. Sloan, Jr. “	- - - - -	18

FOURTH DISTRICT.

T. H. Marston received	- - - - -	27
F. Reilly “	- - - - -	25
S. Ewing “	- - - - -	24
B. Wharton “	- - - - -	24

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Elias Rogers, Rising Sun, received	- -	27
J. H. Comly, Frankford, “	- -	19
Wm. Glenn, “ “	- -	18

SIXTH DISTRICT.

J. C. Tully, Germantown, received	- -	28
William J. McMahon, “	- -	27
G. Rittenhouse, Germantown, “	- -	25

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

T. A. Andrews, received	- - - -	31
F. J. Sorber, Monroeville, received	- -	30
R. C. Hicks,	" - -	27

Attest:

WM. A. ROLIN,

Secr'y Board of Directors Fire Department.

Hall of the Fire Association, }
Philad'a, March 31, 1855. }

Which was read and ordered to be printed for the use of members.

Mr. Pomeroy

Moved a re-consideration of the vote by which the amendments made by Select Council to the bill relating to the Clerks and Messengers, was non-concurred in, but before any action was taken on the subject,

Mr. Norton

Moved a call of the house.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Dunk, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Hoffman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Mercer, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Read, Stuart, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*—37.

The absentees were as follows:

Messrs. Andress, Bishop, Bumm, Boyle, Binder, Cowell, Cresswell, Corlies, Crispin, Davenport, Dougherty, Gray, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Harper, Horn, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Moran, Matthews, Magarge, Powell, Parham, Painter, Preston, Randall, Rhoads, Roberts, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Taylor, Watt, Wickersham—37.

There being less than a quorum of members present, the Sergeant-at-Arms was ordered to close the doors, and

proceed in search of the absentees, and after a short time returned and reported that none could be found.

Mr. Martien

Moved that Council do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 5th, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Austin,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Copeland,
Cowell,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Green,
Gratz,
Graeff,
Houseman,
Hoffinan,
Horn,
Hacker,

Messrs. Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Laws,
Lloyd,
Larzalere,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Magarge,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Pomeroy,
Parham,
Painter,
Preston,
Read,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Scheetz,
Shuster,
Smith,
Stallman,
Verree,
Watt,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President.*

Mr. Martien

Moved that the reading of the Journal of last meeting be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended, for the purpose of presenting a bill.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill and Watt.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Gillingham, Gay, Horn, Hacker, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Preston, Roberts, Stuart, Stallman, Verree, Watt, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Bishop, Green, Houseman, Hoppel, Wagner.

Yeas 37; nays 6.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Then offered (in place) a bill entitled "An Ordinance for reducing the expenses of the Government of the City of Philadelphia."

Which was read, postponed, and ordered to be printed for the use of members, and made the special order of business for Thursday, the 19th inst.

Mr. Martien

Presented a communication from Amos Stiles, Jr., City Surveyor of the Tenth District, offering the names of Wm. M. Githens and John Kater as his sureties.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Binder

Presented a communication from French & Richards, asking to be refunded the sum of \$75, paid for water rent for the year 1855, as the property where the water was used was destroyed by fire on the 1st day of October, 1854.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from owners of property on Marriott's street, east of Eighth street and north of Carpenter street, asking that said street may be paved.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Griscom

Presented a petition from voters residing in the Sixth Precinct, Eighth Ward, asking that the place of holding the elections in said precinct may be changed.

Which was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Hoppel

Presented a communication from James P. Davis, City Surveyor, offering the names of John M. Gibbs and Peter F. Wright as his sureties.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The officers and members of Select Council were then introduced in convention, and after the President had stated the object thereof, proceeded to ballot for Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

77 votes were cast.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, Caldwell, Hutchinson, Jones, Kline, Knorr, W. S. Smith, Thomas, and Verree, *President*.

9 voted for Benjamin A. Shoemaker.

Common Council,

Messrs. Andress, Austin, Binder, Boswell, Davenport, Dubree, Grove, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Gratz, Horn,

Hacker, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Magarge, O'Neill, Parham, Painter, Roberts, Stallman, Verree, and Wagner.

24 voted for Benjamin A. Shoemaker.

In all 33 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Hinman, N. L. Keyser, P. A. Keyser, Marselis, and Roberts.

5 voted for T. West Blake.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Balch, Cowell, Conrad, Dougherty, Eastwick, Giller, Hoffman, Hubbard, Laws, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Newell, Pomeroy, Read, Stuart, and Diehl, *President*.

20 voted for T. West Blake.

In all 25 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Cornman, Hague, Miller, Sandgran, Selby, H. L. Smith, Stokes and Waterman.

8 voted for Patrick Fearon.

Common Council,

Messrs. Berry, Butcher, Copeland, Corlies, Dennis, Gibson, Griscom, Houseman, Norton, Preston and Watt.

11 voted for Patrick Fearon.

In all 19 votes.

There being no election,

The Convention proceeded to a second ballot.

When 79 votes were cast.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, Caldwell, Hague, Hutchinson, Jones, P. A. Keyser, Kline, Knorr, Roberts, W. S. Smith, Stokes, Thomas and Verree, *President*.

13 voted for Benjamin A. Shoemaker.

Common Council,

Messrs. Andress, Austin, Binder, Boswell, Butcher, Corlies, Dubree, Grove, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Gratz, Horn, Hacker, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Martien, Manuel, Magarge, Parham, Painter, Roberts, Stallman, Verree and Wagner.

27 voted for Benjamin A. Shoemaker.

In all 40 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Hinman, N. L. Keyser, and Marselis.

3 voted for T. West Blake.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Balch, Cowell, Conrad, Davenport, Dougherty, Eastwick, Giller, Houseman, Hoffman, Hubbard, Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Read, Stuart, and Diehl, *President*.

21 voted for T. West Blake.

In all 24 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Cornman, Miller, Sandgran, Selby, H. L. Smith and Waterman.

6 voted for Patrick Fearon.

Common Council,

Messrs. Berry, Copeland, Dennis, Gibson, Griscom, Norton, Preston, Scheetz and Watt.

9 voted for Patrick Fearon.

In all 15 votes.

Benjamin A. Shoemaker having a majority of the whole number of votes cast, was declared duly elected Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Assistant Engineer of the First District.

When 81 votes were cast.

Select Council,

Messrs. Caldwell, Cornman, Hinman, Hutchinson, N. L. Keyser, P. A. Keyser, Kline, Knorr, Miller, Roberts, Sandgran, Selby, H. L. Smith, W. S. Smith, Stokes, Thomas and Verree.

17 voted for Isaac Lower.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Butcher, Boswell, Conrad, Davenport, Dennis, Eastwick, Gibson, Grove, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Parham, Painter, Read, Roberts, Smith, Watt and Diehl, *President*.

37 voted for Isaac Lower.

In all 54 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, Jones and Waterman.

3 voted for John Smith.

Common Council,

Messrs. Andress, Balch, Binder, Copeland, Cowell, Dubree, Giller, Griscom, Gratz, Hacker, Newell, Pomeroy, Preston, Scheetz, Stallman, Verree and Wagner.

17 voted for John Smith.

In all 20 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Hague and Marselis.

2 voted for William Hazel.

Common Council,

Messrs. Austin, Corlies, Dougherty, O'Neill and Stuart.

5 voted for William Hazel.

In all 7 votes.

Isaac Lower having a majority of the whole number of

votes cast, was declared duly elected Assistant Engineer of the First District.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Assistant Engineer of the Second District.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, Caldwell, Cornman, Hague, Hinman, Hutchinson, Jones, N. L. Keyser, Kline, Knorr, Miller, Roberts, Sandgran, H. L. Smith, Stokes, Thomas, Waterman and Verree, *President*.

18 voted for John A. Rolin.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Address, Balch, Butcher, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Gratz, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Manuel, Pomeroy, Painter, Read, Roberts, Verree, and Diehl, *President*.

30 voted for John A. Rolin.

In all 48 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. P. A. Keyser, Marselis, Selby and William S. Smith.

4 voted for John B. Morasso.

Common Council,

Messrs. Austin, Berry, Bishop, Binder, Boswell, Cope-land, Cowell, Conrad, Corlies, Dougherty, Giller, Grove, Houseman, Hoffinan, Moran, Martien, Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Parham, Stuart, Smith, Stallman and Wagner.

26 voted for John B. Morasso.

In all 30 votes.

Common Council,

Messrs. Matthews, Preston, Scheetz and Watt.

4 voted for John White.

In all 4 votes.

John A. Rolin having a majority of the whole number of votes cast, was declared duly elected Assistant Engineer of the Second District.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Assistant Engineer of the Third District.

When 83 votes were cast.

Select Council,

Messrs. Hinman, Hutchinson, Jones, P. A. Keyser, Kline, Knorr, Marselis, Sandgran, H. L. Smith, W. S. Smith, Waterman and Verree, *President*.

12 voted for Wm. A. Thorp.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Balch, Binder, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Grove, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Gratz, Graeff, Hoffman, Horn, Hassinger, Laws, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Norton, Preston, Roberts, Stallman, Verree, Watt and Wagner.

32 voted for Wm. A. Thorp.

In all 44 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, Hague, N. L. Keyser, Miller, Roberts, Selby, Stokes and Thomas.

8 voted for S. A. Batturs.

Common Council,

Messrs. Butcher, Copeland, Cowell, Gibson, Griscom, Houseman, Hacker, Martien, Manuel, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Stuart, Smith and Diehl, *President*.

16 voted for S. A. Batturs.

In all 24 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Caldwell and Cornman.

2 voted for James Sloan, Jr.

Common Council,

Messrs. Bishop, Boswell, Eastwick, Giller, Hubbard, Hilles, Lloyd, Matthews, Magarge, Newell, Painter, Read and Scheetz.

13 voted for James Sloan, Jr.

In all 15 votes.

Wm. A. Thorp having a majority of the whole number of votes cast, was declared duly elected Assistant Engineer of the Third District.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Assistant Engineer of the Fourth District.

When 83 votes were cast.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, Caldwell, Hague, Hinman, Hutchinson, N. L. Keyser, P. A. Keyser, Knorr, Marselis, Roberts, W. S. Smith, Stokes, Waterman and Verree.

14 voted for S. Ewing.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Butcher, Boswell, Cowell, Corlies, Dennis, Eastwick, Gray, Houseman, Hoffman, Hubbard, Hilles, Lloyd, Moran, Martien, Newell, Powell, Pomeroy, Preston, Stuart, Smith, Stallman, Verree and Watt.

26 voted for S. Ewing.

In all 40 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Jones, Kline, Sandgran and H. L. Smith.

4 voted for T. H. Marston.

Common Council,

Messrs. Austin, Balch, Davenport, Dubree, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Gratz, Hacker, Hassinger, Laws, Larzallere, Painter, Read, Roberts, Scheetz and Diehl, *President*.

17 voted for T. H. Marston.

In all 21 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Cornman, Miller, Selby and Thomas.

4 voted for B. Wharton.

Common Council,

Messrs. Andress, Binder, Conrad, Dougherty, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Graeff, Horn, Mercer, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Parham and Wagner.

16 voted for B. Wharton.

In all 20 votes.

Common Council,

Messrs. Copeland and O'Neill.

2 voted for Francis Reilly.

There being no election,

The Convention proceeded to a second ballot.

When 81 votes were cast.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, Caldwell, Cornman, Hinman, Hutchinson, Jones, N. L. Keyser, P. A. Keyser, Knorr, Marselis, Roberts, Sandgran, Selby, W. S. Smith, Stokes, Thomas, Waterman and Verree, *President*.

18 voted for S. Ewing.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Corlies, Dennis, Eastwick, Giller, Grove, Gray, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Hoffman, Hubbard, Hilles, Lloyd, Moran, Martien, Newell, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Stuart, Stallman, Verree, Watt and Diehl, *President*.

33 voted for S. Ewing.

In all 51 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Hagne and Kline.

2 voted for T. H. Marston.

Common Council,

Messrs. Andress, Austin, Balch, Conrad, Dubree, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Horn, Hacker, Hassinger, Laws, Larzalere, Mercer, Matthews, O'Neill, Parham, Read, Roberts, Scheetz, Smith and Wagner.

22 voted for T. H. Marston.

In all 24 votes.

Select Council,

Mr. H. L. Smith voted for B. Wharton.

Common Council,

Messrs. Dougherty, Gibson, Manuel, Magarge and Norton.

5 voted for B. Wharton.

In all 6 votes.

S. Ewing having a majority of the whole number of votes cast, was declared duly elected Assistant Engineer of the Fourth District.

The Convention proceeded to ballot for Assistant Engineer of the Fifth District,

When 79 votes were cast.

Select Council,

Messrs. Caldwell, Cornman, Hague, Hutchinson, Jones, N. L. Keyser, Roberts, Selby, H. L. Smith and Stokes.

10 voted for William Glenn.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Dennis, Eastwick, Giller, Gillingham, Gay, Gratz, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Hilles, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Parham, Read, Smith, Stallman, Diehl, *President*.

31 voted for Wm. Glenn.

In all 41 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Hinman, P. A. Keyser, Kline, Knorr, Marselis, Sandgran, Thomas and Waterman.

8 voted for Elias Rodgers.

Common Council,

Messrs. Austin, Balch, Davenport, Dougherty, Dubree, Hoffman, Hacker, Hassinger, Laws, Manuel, Magarge, Powell, Scheetz and Watt.

14 voted for Elias Rodgers.

In all 22 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, and Verree, *President*.

2 voted for J. H. Comly.

Common Council,

Messrs. Cowell, Gibson, Gray, Griscom, Graeff, Lloyd, Martien, Matthews, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Roberts, Verree and Wagner.

14 voted for J. H. Comly.

In all 16 votes.

William Glenn having a majority of the whole number of votes cast, was declared duly elected Assistant Engineer of the Fifth District.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Assistant Engineer of the Sixth District.

When 81 votes were cast.

Select Council,

Messrs. Cornman, Hinman, Jones, N. L. Keyser, P. A. Keyser, Kline, Knorr, Marselis, Miller, Roberts, Sandgran, Selby, H. L. Smith, Wm. S. Smith, Stokes, Thomas, Waterman, and Verree, *President*.

18 voted for J. C. Tully.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Bishop, Balch,

Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Grove, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Graeff, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Larzalere, Moran, Martien, Magarge, Norton, Newell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Scheetz, Smith, Stallman, Verree, Watt, Wagner and Diehl, *President*.

44 voted for J. C. Tully.

In all 62 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, Caldwell, Hague and Hutchinson.

4 voted for Wm. J. McMahon.

Common Council,

Messrs. Berry, Binder, Dougherty, Giller, Gratz, Hubbard, Lloyd, Mercer, Manuel, O'Neill, Parham.

11 voted for Wm. J. McMahon.

In all 15 votes.

Common Council,

Messrs. Matthews, Powell, Read and Roberts.

4 voted for George Rittenhouse.

In all 4 votes.

J. C. Tully having a majority of the whole number of votes cast, was declared duly elected Assistant Engineer of the Sixth District.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Assistant Engineer of the Seventh District.

When 81 votes were cast.

Select Council,

Messrs. Bullock, Caldwell, Cornman, Hague, Hutchinson, Jones, N. L. Keyser, P. A. Keyser, Knorr, Miller, Roberts, Sandgran, Selby, H. L. Smith, W. S. Smith, Stokes, Thomas, Waterman, and Verree, *President*.

19 voted for R. C. Hicks.

Common Council,

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Hoffinan, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Preston, Roberts, Scheetz, Smith, Stallman, Verree, Wagner, and Diehl, *President*.

53 voted for R. C. Hicks.

In all 72 votes.

Select Council,

Mr. Hinman voted for T. A. Andrews.

Common Council,

Messrs. Dougherty, Dubree, Matthews and Read.

4 voted for T. A. Andrews.

In all 5 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Kline and Marselis.

2 voted for Frederick J. Sorber.

Common Council,

Messrs. Lloyd and Powell.

2 voted for Frederick J. Sorber.

In all 4 votes.

R. C. Hicks having a majority of the whole number of votes cast, was declared duly elected Assistant Engineer of the Seventh District.

When the Convention dissolved, and the Select Council retired to their Chamber.

Mr. Balch

Moved that this Council do now proceed to nominate and elect Vaccine Physicians.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson nominated Dr. Wm. Notson, of the Second Ward.

Mr. Houseman nominated Dr. Deacon, of the Second Ward.

Mr. Davenport nominated Dr. George W. Chambers, of the Fourth Ward.

Mr. Giller nominated Dr. Joseph H. Gallagher, of the Fourth Ward.

Mr. Dougherty nominated Dr. Wm. F. Patterson, of the Fourth Ward.

Mr. Reed nominated Dr. Jas. N. Harper, of the Sixth Ward.

Mr. Balch nominated Dr. Wm. Shippen, of the Eighth Ward.

Mr. Lloyd nominated Dr. Edward A. Page, of the Eighth Ward.

Mr. Griscom nominated Dr. R. A. F. Penrose, of the Eighth Ward.

Mr. Martien nominated Dr. Augustine L. Fish, of the Tenth Ward.

Mr. Hoffman nominated Dr. Thos. M. Drysdale, of the Tenth Ward.

Mr. Hacker nominated Dr. Thomas W. Craige, of the Twelfth Ward.

Mr. Larzalere nominated Dr. Samuel Oakes, of the Fourteenth Ward.

Mr. Hubbard nominated Dr. James L. Elliott, of the Fourteenth Ward.

Mr. Conrad nominated Dr. Byron Hart, of the Fourteenth Ward.

Mr. Gillingham nominated Dr. John K. Uhler, of the Sixteenth Ward.

Mr. Painter nominated Dr. Orrin Hutchins, of the Sixteenth Ward.

Mr. Painter nominated Dr. Isaac McBride, of the Sixteenth Ward.

Mr. Green nominated Dr. Benjamin Housekeeper, of the Eighteenth Ward.

Mr. Gratz nominated Dr. John McManus, of the Twentieth Ward.

Mr. Smith nominated Dr. D. M. Tyndall, of the Twenty-second Ward.

Mr. Horn nominated Dr. A. W. Green, of the Twenty-second Ward.

Mr. Hoffman nominated Dr. James Ash, of the Twenty-second Ward.

Mr. Abbey nominated Dr. Elisha Crowell, of the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Mr. Eastwick nominated Dr. J. P. Stedham, of the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Council then proceeded to ballot for Vaccine Physician.

Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Gibson, Grove, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, O'Neill, Parham, Read and Verree.

34 voted for Dr. Wm. Notson.

Messrs. Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Giller, Gray, Houseman, Hilles, Laws, Martien, Matthews, Magarge, Norton, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Wagner and Diehl, *President*.

23 voted for Dr. Deacon.

Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Grove, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Preston, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Verree, Wagner and Diehl, *President*.

51 voted for Dr. George W. Chambers.

Messrs. Balch, Gray, Mercer, Magarge and Painter.

5 voted for Dr. J. H. Gallagher.

Mr. Dougherty voted for Dr. Patterson.

Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Preston, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Verree, Wagner and Diehl, *President*.

56 voted for Dr. J. N. Harper.

Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Balch, Boswell, Corlies, Davenport, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Gratz, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Martien, Magarge, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Verree and Wagner.

33 voted for Dr. Wm. Shippen.

Messrs. Berry, Binder, Butcher, Copeland, Conrad, Dennis, Dubree, Griscom, Green, Hubbard, Hoppel, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Parham, Painter, Preston, Scheetz, Smith and Diehl, *President*.

24 voted for Dr. E. A. Page.

Messrs. Balch, Butcher, Martien, Manuel and Pomeroy.

5 voted for Dr. A. L. Fish.

Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Binder, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Magarge, Norton, O'Neill, Powell, Parham, Painter, Preston, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Verree, Wagner and Diehl, *President*.

51 voted for Dr. Thomas M. Drysdale.

Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Balch, Binder, Butcher,

Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Preston, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Verree, Wagner and Diehl, *President*.

56 voted for Dr. Thomas W. Craige.

Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Balch, Conrad, Davenport, Eastwick, Giller, Grove, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Horn, Hacker, Hoppel, Hassinger, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Matthews, Magarge, Pomeroy, Painter, Read, Stuart, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Verree and Wagner.

30 voted for Dr. Samuel Oakes.

Messrs. Berry, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Corlies, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Gray, Griscom, Houseman, Hoffman, Hubbard, Hilles, Laws, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Powell, Parham, Preston, Roberts and Diehl, *President*.

27 voted for Dr. James L. Elliott.

Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, O'Neill, Powell, Parham, Preston, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Verree, Wagner and Diehl, *President*.

52 voted for Dr. J. K. Uhler.

Messrs. Pomeroy and Painter.

2 voted for Dr. Orrin Hutchins.

Messrs. Corlies and Dubree.

2 voted for Dr. Isaac M'Bride.

Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis,

Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Preston, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Verree, Wagner and Diehl, *President*.

56 voted for Dr. Benjamin Housekeeper.

Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Preston, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Smith, Verree, Wagner and Diehl, *President*.

56 voted for Dr. John McManus.

Messrs. Berry, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Hacker, Hoppel, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Matthews, Magarge, Norton, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Preston, Read, Shuster, Smith, Verree and Diehl, *President*.

38 voted for Dr. D. M. Tyndall.

Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Balch, Dubree, Griscom and Horn.

6 voted for Dr. A. W. Green.

Messrs. Hoffman, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Painter, Roberts, Stuart and Wagner.

12 voted for Dr. James Ash.

Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer,

Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Powell, Parham, Preston, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Smith, Verree and Diehl, *President*.

50 voted for Dr. Elisha Crowell.

Messrs. Austin, Eastwick, Griscom, Magarge, Pomeroy, Painter and Shuster.

7 voted for Dr. J. P. Stedham.

Whereupon,

Dr. Wm. Notson, of the Second Ward;

Dr. George W. Chambers, of the Fourth Ward;

Dr. James Harper, of the Sixth Ward;

Dr. Wm. Shippen, of the Eighth Ward;

Dr. Thomas M. Drysdale, of the Tenth Ward;

Dr. Thomas W. Craige, of the Twelfth Ward;

Dr. Samuel Oakes, of the Fourteenth Ward;

Dr. John K. Uhler, of the Sixteenth Ward;

Dr. Benjamin Housekeeper, of the Eighteenth Ward;

Dr. John McManus, of the Twentieth Ward;

Dr. D. M. Tyndall, of the Twenty-second Ward; and

Dr. Elisha Crowell, of the Twenty-fourth Ward, were declared duly elected Vaccine Physicians.

Communications were then presented from Strickland Kneass, Chief Engineer and Surveyor, offering the names of J. Edgar Thompson, Samuel Branson, and Samuel H. Kneass, as his sureties;

Charles S. Close, City Surveyor, offering the names of Armstrong Flomerfelt, and Charles F. Mansfield, as his sureties;

D. Hudson Shedaker, City Surveyor, offering the names of Robert Law and Benjamin H. Shedaker, as his sureties;

Spencer Bonsall, City Surveyor, offering the names of Edward H. Bonsall and William Martin, as his sureties;

H. A. Frink, City Surveyor, offering the names of A. G. Frink, and Charles Lafourcade, as his sureties; and

William Read, City Surveyor, offering the names of William O. Kline and George Read, as his sureties.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Surveys, &c. in conjunction with the City Solicitor.

The following message was received from the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Phila., April 5, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—I have approved and signed the following Ordinances, viz.:

A Supplement to an Ordinance passed October 5th, A. D., eighteen hundred and fifty-four, entitled "An Ordinance to establish and organize the Department of City Surveyors and Regulators."

Resolution adopted by Select and Common Council at the City of Philadelphia, this 3d day of April, A. D., eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Abbey

Presented a petition from a number of the citizens of the Sixth Precinct, Fifth Ward, asking that the place of holding the election in said Precinct may be changed.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Boswell

Moved that when this Council adjourn, it adjourns to meet on Tuesday afternoon next at 3 o'clock.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Martien

Moved that the Clerk be directed to inform Select Council that this Council will meet on Tuesday afternoon next, at 3 o'clock.

Which was also agreed to.

Mr. Butcher

Presented a communication from the Mantua Methodist Episcopal Church, asking that gas pipes may be placed along Story street, West from Eighth street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Dougherty

Presented a communication from a large number of citizens of the Sixth Precinct, Fourth Ward, remonstrating against changing the place of holding the elections in said Precinct.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of offering a resolution, and on the motion being agreed to, offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Controller be, and he is hereby directed to furnish this Council with a full statement of the various amounts paid for the Police department, including all pay for officers of every description, expenses of station-houses, fitting up and furnishing the same, &c.; also, all monies paid for the expenses of Mayor's office, salaries of Mayor and Marshal, Mayor's clerk and assistant clerks, Marshal's clerk, including carriage-hire, stationery, &c.; setting forth the items and to whom paid, and for what purpose, since the 13th day of June last.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Gratz

Moved to amend the same at the end thereof, by adding the words, "and that the City Controller be also requested to furnish Councils with the expenses of the Law Committee on their visit to Harrisburg, and the various items embraced thereby."

Which was accepted, and

The resolution as amended agreed to.

Mr. Gratz

Presented a petition from property-owners on Parrish street, between William and Twenty-second streets, asking that said street may be paved.

Mr. Preston

Presented a petition from William Allison, agent for John Allison, asking compensation for damages his property will sustain by the altering of the grade of Leverington street (Manayunk), Twenty-first Ward.

The President

Laid before Councils a petition from citizens and residents on South Twenty-first street, asking that Twenty-first street, between Spruce and Pine streets, may be paved as soon as practicable.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Also,

A communication from John Devereux, President of the Board of Trustees of the Ice Boat, asking for an appropriation of \$6050, to pay for fuel, wages, wharfage, insurance expenses, &c.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also, the following:

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, April 5th, 1855. }

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

In accordance with the requirements of the Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for a Sinking Fund, for the redemption of the debt of the City of Philadelphia," I submit the following statement, viz:

*Amount of Investments on Account of the Sinking Fund,
from March 8th, 1855, to March 31st, 1855.*

Five per cent. Loans of the City of Philada.	\$ 2,116.85
Six “ “ “ “ “	3,784.73

Total, - - - -	\$5,901.58
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At a nett cost of - - - -	\$ 5,428.16
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Respectfully submitted,

JOHN LINDSAY,

City Treasurer.

Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Hacker,

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following authenticated Act of Assembly, entitled “An Act to authorize the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia to make temporary loans.”

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,

That it shall be lawful for the Councils of the City of Philadelphia to authorize, by ordinance, temporary loans of moneys, whenever they shall deem it necessary. Provided, that such loans shall at no time exceed in the aggregate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, and no such loan shall be for a longer period than six months. All ordinances for the purposes aforesaid shall be passed at stated meetings of Councils, and shall require for their adoption the votes of a majority of the whole number of the members of each Council; and that the revenues of said City, as they shall be realized, shall be appropriated to the redemption of said loans respectively.

HENRY K. STRONG,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. M. HEISTER,

Speaker of the Senate.

Approved the thirtieth day of March, Anno Domini,
one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

JAMES POLLOCK.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }
Harrisburg, March 30, 1855. }

Pennsylvania, ss.



I do certify that the foregoing and annexed is a true and correct copy of the original act of the General Assembly, as the same remains on file in this office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of Secretary's Office, the day and year above written.

A. G. CURTIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Which was read and filed.

Also, presented the following:

To the Select and Common Council:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the annexed bill, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize temporary loans."

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

JOHN U. GILLER,
O. P. CORNMAN,
WM. S. SMITH,
P. A. KEYSER.
WM. B. R. SELBY,
W. O. KLINE,
ALGERNON S. ROBERTS.
EDWARD GRATZ.
WM. H. J. READ,

Committee Room, April 5, 1855.

Which was read.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section being under consideration,
And the question being will Council agree to the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch and Bishop.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Griscom, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Pomeroy, Parham, Preston, Read, Shuster, Verree, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Balch, Dougherty, Gay, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd.

Yeas 41 ; nays 7.

Which was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the question being, shall the bill be prepared for a third reading ?

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dougherty and Balch.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Griscom, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hilles, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Pomeroy, Parham, Preston, Read, Shuster, Verree, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Balch, Dougherty, Gay, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd.

Yeas 40 ; nays 7.

It was agreed to.

The bill was then read a third time, and on the final passage of the same,

The yeas and nays being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Davenport, Dennis,

Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller Grove, Griscom, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard Hilles, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Pomeroy, Parham, Preston, Read, Shuster, Verree, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Balch, Dougherty, Gay, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd.

Yeas 40 ; nays 7.

Which was agreed to.

And the bill passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled “ An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses.”

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

JOHN U. GILLER,
O. P. CORNMAN
W. S. SMITH,
P. A. KEYSER,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
EDWARD GRATZ.
WM. H. J. READ,

Committee Room, April 5, 1855.

The bill was read, and

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also,

Returned sundry claims against the City, which had been referred to the Committee on Finance, and asked their reference to the appropriate committees: Morris, Tasker & Morris, John H. Miller, and Dougherty & Powers to the Water Committee, and J. S. Ihrick & Co. to the Committee on Claims.

Which was agreed to.

Also,

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended, for the purpose of going into the consideration of the bill from Select Council, making an appropriation to the House of Refuge.

Mr. Boswell

Moved to amend by adding, "and also the bill from Select Council providing for a subscription to the capital stock of the Union Canal Company."

Which was accepted.

Mr. Moran

Moved further to amend by adding, also, "the bill to provide for the granting of building permits."

Which was also accepted, and

The motion as amended was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed a bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of the House of Refuge."

Which was read.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informs this Council that they have passed a bill, entitled "An Ordinance relating to an arrangement with the Union Canal Company, on the subject of the stock in the said Company, held by the Corporation as legatees and devisees, under the will of Stephen Girard, and to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned."

Which was read.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The title was agreed to, and

The bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Copeland,

From the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit

the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the granting of Building Permits."

SAMUEL COPELAND,
Chairman.

NATHAN HILLES,
THOS. T. BUTCHER,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
P. A. KEYSER,
J. N. MARSELIS,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,

Committee Room, April 5, 1855.

Which was read.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Andress

Moved to amend the same on the fifth line, after the word "such," by adding the words "repair and."

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Wagner

Moved further to amend on the second line, after the word "person," by adding the word "or persons."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Binder

Moved further to amend on the ninth line, by striking out the word "fifty," and insert in lieu thereof, the word "eighty."

Pending this question,

Mr. Gibson

Moved that this Council do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Abbey and Binder.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Berry, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Davenport, Dennis, Gibson, Grove, Gay, Green, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Hilles, Lloyd, Larzalere, Magarge, Pomeroy, Roberts, Shuster, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bishop, Binder, Butcher, Dubree, Giller, Hoffman, Hassinger, Mercer, Manuel, Norton, Read, Wagner.

Yeas 23 ; nays 14.

Which was agreed to, and

Council adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 10th, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Austin,
Berry,
Bishop,
Bumm,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Copeland,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dubree,
Gibson,
Giller,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Green,
Gratz,
Hoffman,

Messrs. Horn,
Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Lloyd,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Norton,
O'Neill,
Pomeroy,
Parham,
Read,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Smith,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President*.

Council

Resumed the consideration of the bill to provide for the granting of building permits.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment to the first section, offered by Mr. Binder,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Copeland and Hilles.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Bishop, Boswell, Copeland, Corlies, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Horn, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Parham, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Butcher, Conrad, Davenport, Hoffinan, Hoppel, Matthews, Pomeroy, Read, Stuart, Wagner.

Yeas 23 ; nays 13.

Which was agreed to, and

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

Section fifth was agreed to.

Section sixth was agreed to.

Section seventh was agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to amend the bill by offering as the eighth section the following :

“That all fines and penalties incurred in the violation of this Ordinance shall be paid to the informer, (unless he be a public officer,) and the balance to the City.”

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Giller

Moved a re-consideration of the vote by which the

second section was agreed to, and on the motion being agreed to, moved to amend the section by striking out all after the word "building," on the third line, to the word "not," inclusive, on the fourth line, and insert in lieu thereof, the word "nor."

Which was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Hoppel

Presented a petition from the omnibus proprietors of the City, asking for a reduction in the price of licenses for coaches.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from a number of citizens, asking that gas pipe may be laid on Reed street, between Eighth street and the Passyunk road.

Also,

One from the same parties, asking that water pipes may be laid on said street.

The reading of which was dispensed with, and referred to their appropriate Committees.

The President

Laid before Councils a communication from James Wilkinson, relative to an invention for lighting the City.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Gas.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils:

GENTLEMEN: I hereby offer as my securities, George

W. Appleton and Woolman Stokes, of the Thirteenth Ward.

Yours, respectfully,

B. A. SHOEMAKER,

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

PHILAD'A, April 10, 1855.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Copeland

From the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the manner of paving the streets in the City of Philadelphia, and to provide for the payment of the expense thereof."

SAMUEL COPELAND,
Chairman.

THOS. T. BUTCHER,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
J. N. MARSELIS,
P. A. KEYSER,
NATHAN HILLES,
O. P. CORNMAN,
ALGERNON S. ROBERTS,
C. J. HOFFMAN.

The bill was read, and

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Smith

Moved to amend the same on the twelfth line, by striking out the word "four," and insert in lieu thereof the word "ten."

Which was subsequently withdrawn, and

The section was agreed to.

Section second being under consideration,

Mr. Abbey

Moved to amend the same on the twenty-second line, after the word "owner," by adding the words "or owners."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Giller

Moved further to amend on the twenty-third line, after the word "him," by adding the words "or them."

Which was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

Section fifth was agreed to.

Section sixth being under consideration,

Mr. Copeland

Moved to amend the same by striking out all after the word "exceed," on the first line, to the word "fourth," on the second line, inclusive, and insert in lieu thereof, the word "half."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Copeland and O'Neill.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Austin, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Gillingham, O'Neill, Read.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bumm, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Gray, Griscom, Green, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Pomeroy, Parham, Smith.

Yeas 8 ; nays 27.

Which was not agreed to.

The section was agreed to.

Section seventh was agreed to.

Mr. Norton

Moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the fourth section was adopted.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Moved to amend the section by striking out all after the word "provided" on the ninth line, to the word "and" inclusive, on the eleventh line.

Mr. Griscom

Moved an amendment to the amendment, by striking out the entire proviso.

Which was accepted.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Butcher and Pomeroy.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Boswell, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Green, Hoppel, Horn, Lloyd, Martien, Norton, Pomeroy, Smith, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Address, Austin, Berry, Bumm, Butcher, Copeland, Conrad, Davenport, Dubree, Gratz, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Mercer, Matthews, Manuel, Parham, Read, Roberts, Stuart.

Yeas 17 ; nays 20.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Giller

Moved a call of the house.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbey, Address, Austin, Berry, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Smith, Wagner, Diehl, *President*—40.

Mr. Address

Moved a re-consideration of the vote by which the amendment to the section was disagreed to.

Which was agreed to.

The amendment was then agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying resolution.

SAMUEL COPELAND,
Chairman.

JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
THOS. T. BUTCHER,
CHARLES HUBBARD,
P. A. KEYSER,
NATHAN HILLES,
O. P. CORNMAN,
C. J. HOFFMAN,

Committee Room, April 10, 1855.

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized and required to publish in two daily newspapers of this City, daily for four weeks, the ordinance, presented to the Common Council of the tenth day of April A. D. 1855, being an adjourned stated day for the meeting of Council, entitled "an ordinance to provide for the issue of certificates of debt in payment of road damages," and the said clerk, at the stated meeting of Councils next after the expiration of four weeks from the first day of said publication, shall present to this Council, one of each of the said newspapers for every day in which the same shall have been made.

The Ordinance was read.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., report an Ordinance annexed, making an appropriation from the Delaware Avenue Fund, for the purpose of completing the paving of the Avenue with cubical blocks.

The statement of the Treasurer of the Girard Fund, made March 24th, shows a

Balance in cash,	-	-	-	-	\$42,322 91
Schuylkill Navigation Loan,	-	-	-	-	38,390 70
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					\$80,723 61

In addition to which, there will be paid in during the present year, in cash, in- terest and dividends amounting to		10,579 63
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Making a total of -	-	-	-	-	\$91,303 24
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All of which is applicable to the improvement of Delaware Avenue and the widening of Water street. The balance remaining after deducting the appropriation now asked for, will be ample to meet all demands that may be made

for the widening of Water street by the jury recently appointed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL COPELAND,
Chairman.

JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
CHARLES HUBBARD,
P. A. KEYSER,
C. J. HOFFMAN,
THOS. T. BUTCHER,
NATHAN HILLES,
O. P. CORNMAN.

Committee Room, April 10, 1855.

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purpose of paying the expense of paving Delaware Avenue, between Market and South streets, with cubical blocks.”

Which was read.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges,

Sewers, and Cleansing the City, to pay a certain claim therein mentioned in certificates of City debt."

SAMUEL COPELAND,

Chairman.

JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,

C. J. HOFFMAN,

P. A. KEYSER,

O. P. CORNMAN,

CHARLES HUBBARD,

THOMAS T. BUTCHER,

NATHAN HILLES.

Committee Room, April 10, 1855.

The bill was read, and

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee to whom was referred the resolution regarding Windmill Island be authorized and instructed to apply to the State Legislature for such authority as may be deemed necessary for the control and regulation of the said Island, in order to guard, protect and improve the commercial facilities of our port.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the immediate attention of the Committee on Law and Legislation, be called to the action of the Legislature, in regard to their ceding to Mr. Tatham that portion of Windmill Island which he now claims, it having been reported that one branch of that body have already favored his pretensions, in opposition to the right and interests claimed by the City of Philadelphia.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred, and, on motion of

Mr. Griseom,

The clerks were directed to furnish copies of the resolution to the committees having charge of the subject.

Which was agreed to.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the places of holding the ensuing election (and until further ordered) in First and Seventh Division of the First Ward, and the Sixth Division of Sixth Ward be, and the same are hereby changed, as follows, viz :

That of the First Division shall be held at the Girard School-house, on Passyunk Road.

That of the Seventh Division shall be held at the house of John Claypole, corner of Buck Road and Long lane.

That of the Sixth Division of Sixth Ward shall be held at the Golden Fleece, in Cherry street, between Third and Fourth streets.

Which was read.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Copeland

Moved to amend the same at the end thereof, by adding the following :

“ And that the Sixth Precinct of the Ninth Ward shall

be changed to the Forrest House, in Market street, west of Seventeenth street ;

“ And that the Eighth Precinct of the Ninth Ward shall be at the northeast corner of Twenty-first and Market streets.”

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Copeland and Butcher.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Read, Shuster, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Mr. Norton.

Yeas 29 ; nays 1.

There being less than a quorum voting,

Mr. Giller

Moved a call of the house.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Hoffinan, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Wagner, Diehl, *President*—40.

Mr. Norton

Moved further to amend, at the end thereof, by adding the following :

“ It being impracticable to continue the elections for the said divisions in the places in which they have heretofore been held.”

Which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution, as amended,
The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Pomeroy
and Moran.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bumm, Boswell,
Copeland, Conrad, Davenport, Griscom, Gillingham, Hoff-
man, Horn, Hoppel, Lloyd, Moran, Martien, Manuel, Shus-
ter, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Corlies, Dennis, Dubree, Gib-
son, Giller, Green, Gratz, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Mer-
cer, Norton, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Read, Roberts,
Stuart.

Yeas 20 ; nays 19.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the follow-
ing resolution :

Resolved, That the elections to be hereafter held in the
Sixth Division of the Eighth Ward, be held at the house of
George Flounders, at the southeast corner of Twentieth and
George streets, in consequence of the house where the elec-
tions were formerly held being sold, and the present owner
refusing to let the election be held there.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the elections hereafter to be held in the
Fourth Division of the Fifth Ward, shall be held at the Hope
Hose House, in Union street east of Second street, as the
former place for voting, viz. : the northeast corner of Third
and Union streets (now occupied as a store and dwelling)
cannot be obtained.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That hereafter the place of holding elections in the Sixth Precinct of the Seventh Ward, be held at the house of George Sheetz, southwest corner of Thirteenth and Lombard streets ; it being impracticable to hold the elections at the recent precinct-house, it being converted into a private dwelling.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Law be instructed to inquire what measures, if any, are necessary, (either by legislative enactments or otherwise) to secure a better system of assessment than the present mode.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Health be, and they are hereby requested to inquire into the propriety of removing the Green-house and Potter's Field to a place more remote from the built up portions of the City.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Receiver of Taxes inform Councils whether the fees received by the clerk having charge of the registered taxes has been paid to him.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That Towers street, from Leverington street to Cedar street, and Hermit's lane, from the Ridge Road to Wissahickon Road, in Twenty-first Ward, be graded, under the direction of the Chief Commissioner of Highways, subject to the approval of the Committee on Highways.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Gillingham

Moved that this Council do now proceed to the consideration of the bill from Select Council for the regulation of omnibusses.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gillingham and Hoffinan.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Berry, Bumm, Butcher, Davenport, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Horn, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Read, Roberts, Shuster, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Dennis, Hoffinan, Hubbard, Lloyd, Mercer, Martien, Parham, Stuart.

Yeas 25 ; nays 14.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed a bill entitled “ An Ordinance for the regulation of omnibusses.”

Which was read, when

Mr. Hoppel

Moved a call of the house.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Hoffinan, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Wagner, Diehl, *President*—37.

The absentees were as follows :

Messrs. Bishop, Balch, Boyle, Binder, Cowell, Cresswell, Crispin, Dunk, Dennis, Dougherty, Eastwick, Grove, Gray, Gay, Graeff, Houseman, Harper, Hacker, Laws, Larzelere, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Magarge, Newell, Powell, Painter, Preston, Randall, Rhoads, Scheetz, Smith, Stallman, Taylor, Verree, Watt—37.

There being less than a quorum present, the Sergeant-at-Arms was ordered to close the doors, and sent in search of the absentees, who, after a short time, returned and reported that none could be found, when, on motion of

Mr. Butcher,

Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 12th, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bumm,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Copeland,
Cowell,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Green,
Gratz,
Houseman,
Hoffman,
Horn,
Hacker,
Hubbard,

Messrs. Hoppel,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Laws,
Lloyd,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Magarge,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Powell,
Pomeroy,
Painter,
Preston,
Read,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Scheetz,
Shuster,
Stallman,
Taylor,
Verree,
Watt,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President*.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the reading of the Journal of last meeting be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Mercer

Presented a petition from George P. Mercer, asking that Davis street Landing (Delaware) may be cleaned out.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Port Wardens and Public Landings, with power to act.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Norton

Presented a petition from property-owners on Marriott street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, asking that said street may be paved.

Mr. Butcher

Presented a petition from owners and occupiers of the land on and in the vicinity of Mount Airy avenue (Twenty-second Ward), asking that said avenue may be graded and repaired.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Martien

Presented a communication from the Neptune Hose Company, asking for the loan of a cylinder of hose, the property of the city, for a short time.

Which was referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Hoppel

Presented a communication from the Harmony Fire Company, asking for an appropriation to pay claims for repairs of apparatus and other expenses, &c.

Mr. Verree

Presented a petition from the Good Will Engine Company, of Bustleton, (Twenty-third Ward,) asking to be admitted into the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia, as organized by Councils.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Moran

Presented a communication from Jesse Lightfoot, City Surveyor, offering the names of Coffin Colkett and James M. Meredith as his sureties.

Which was referred to the City Solicitor.

Mr. Gibson

Presented several bills, for locks and keys of watch-boxes, lamps, hauling, &c.

The reading of which was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Police.

The President

Laid before Councils a communication from Charles F. Sibbald, relative to a patented invention for a new system of steam.

Which was read, and referred to the special Committee on the Steam Fire Engine.

Also, the following:

OFFICE OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES,
S. E. corner of Sixth and Chestnut streets, }
April 12, 1855.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN:—In reply to your resolution as to “whether the fees received by the clerk having charge of the registered taxes have been paid to Receiver,” I answer that I have never received any such fees.

Yours, respectfully,
JOHN M. COLEMAN,
Receiver of Taxes.

Mr. Stallman

Presented a petition from citizens of the Fifth Precinct, Twenty-second Ward, asking that the place of holding the elections in said precinct may be changed.

Which were severally read and laid on the table.

Mr. Martien

Presented a communication from the Board of Directors of the Fire Department of Philadelphia, associated under the ordinance, asking for certain modifications and alterations in the ordinance reorganizing the department.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Balch

Presented a petition from the managers of the Episcopal Hospital for the care of the sick, situated on Front street, between Huntingdon and Lehigh avenues, asking that said street may be graded from the present grading to the Lehigh avenue.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Hacker,

From the Committee on Finance, presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the department of the Receiver of Taxes, for the purposes therein mentioned."

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

WM. B. R. SELBY,
WM. H. J. READ,
EDWARD GRATZ,
O. P. CORNMAN,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
JOHN U. GILLER.

Committee Room, April 12, 1855.

Which was read, when

Mr. Gibson

Moved that the bill be laid on the table.

On this question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dennis and Balch.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Bumm, Conrad, Davenport, Dennis, Gibson, Grove, Gay, Houseman, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Laws, Mercer, Manuel, Stallman.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Dubree, Giller, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Moran, Matthews, Magarge, Painter, Preston, Read, Taylor, Watt, Wagner.

Yeas 16 ; nays 23.

Which was not agreed to.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Hacker

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed.

On this question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Giller and Moran.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Butcher, Dubree, Giller, Grove, Gillingham, Hacker, Moran, Matthews, Magarge, Norton, Preston, Read, Watt.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Gibson, Gray, Gay, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Hoffman, Harper, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Martien, Manuel, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter,

Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Stallman, Taylor, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 15 ; nays 39.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gibson

Moved the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising :

Messrs. Balch, Bumm, Davenport, Gibson, Green, Houseman, Manuel, Mercer, Powell and Stallman.

The question being shall the main question be now put,
It was agreed to.

The main question being on agreeing to the first section,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Norton and Balch.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Dubree, Giller, Hacker, Moran, Martien, Preston, Watt.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Gibson, Grove, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Stallman, Taylor, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 8 ; nays 45.

Which was not agreed to.

And the bill was lost.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN : The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the communications from the various Surveyors,

submitting their securities, report that they have examined the same, and beg leave to offer the annexed resolution.

WM. P. HACKER,
Chairman.

WM. B. R. SELBY,
O. P. CORNMAN,
WM. H. J. READ,
JOHN U. GILLER,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
EDWARD GRATZ,

Committee Room, April 12, 1855.

Resolved, That J. Edgar Thompson, Samuel Branson, and Samuel H. Kneass, be accepted as the securities of Strickland Kneass, Chief Engineer and Surveyor; and Edgar H. Bonsall and William Martin, as the securities of Spencer Bonsall; Lindley Haines and Benjamin Albertson, as the securities of Henry Haines; Robert Law and Benjamin Shedaker, as the securities of D. Hudson Shedaker; A. Flomerfelt and C. F. Mansfield, as securities of Charles S. Close; A. G. Frink and Charles Lafourcade, as securities of H. A. Frink; William M. Githens and John Kater, as securities of Amos Styles, Jr.; John M. Gibbs and Peter F. Wright, as the securities of James P. Davis; George Read and William Einwechter, Sr., as the securities of William Read, assistant surveyors; and George W. Appleton and Woolman Stokes, as securities for Benjamin A. Shoemaker, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

Which were read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also,

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of going into the consideration of the bill, entitled, "An Ordinance to authorize a loan to pay the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth instalments on the subscription to the capital stock of the Northwestern Railroad Company.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Moran and Hoffman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Bishop, Dubree, Hoffman, Hacker, Hilles, Moran, Martien, Magarge, Norton, Newell, Shuster, Verree, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Balch, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Gibson, Giller, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Matthews, Manuel, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Roberts, Scheetz, Stallman, Taylor.

Yeas 16 ; nays 34.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Dennis,

From the Committee on Gas, presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Gas beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled, "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for the expenses of lighting the City."

WM. H. DENNIS,
Chairman.

HENRY L. SMITH.
A. G. WATERMAN,
ANSON GRAY,
JOS. MANUEL, JR.,
J. L. HUTCHINSON,
JOHN LLOYD,
C. S. GROVE.

Committee Room, April 12, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Copeland,

From the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying resolution.

SAMUEL COPELAND,
Chairman.

T. TYSON BUTCHER,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
NATHAN HILLES,
P. A. KEYSER,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
J. N. MARSELIS.

Committee Room, April 12, 1855.

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be directed to inform Mr. George Kelly, the contractor in a certain agreement, made and executed the 31st day of January A. D. 1854, between himself and a committee of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Kensington, that he is required not to proceed until further notice to grade Third street from Oxford street to the northern line of the said late district of Kensington, Fourth street between the same points, York street from Second street to the Germantown Road, Clinton street from York street to the northern line of said District, Howard street from York street to the said northern line, Huntingdon street from Frankford avenue to Second street, Fillmore street from Huntingdon street to Frankford avenue, Adams street from Emerald street to Frankford avenue, Cumberland Street from Frankford avenue to Seventh Street, and Susquehanna Avenue from Front to Second street.

Which said streets he covenanted in the said agreement to grade to the established regulation.

Which was read.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

And the question being, will Council agree to the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Painter and O'Neill.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Conrad, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Gibson, Grove, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Moran, Martien, Newell, Read, Roberts, Shuster, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Corlies, Dubree, Giller, Gay, Manuel, Magarge, O'Neill, Powell, Painter, Stallman, Taylor.

Yeas 31 ; nays 15.

Which was agreed to.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, to pay upon terms herein mentioned, for certain work performed by virtue of a certain contract."

SAMUEL COPELAND,
Chairman.

THOS. T. BUTCHER,
O. P. CORNMAN.
CHARLES HUBBARD,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
NATHAN HILLES,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS.

Committee Room, April 12, 1855.

The bill was read, when

Mr. Bumm

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed.

Which was not agreed to.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth being under consideration, and the question being, will Council agree to the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Painter and Copeland.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Davenport, Gibson, Gillingham, Hoffman, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Martien, Newell, Stallman, Verree, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Bishop, Balch, Corlies, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Giller, Gray, Gay, Green, Horn, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Painter, Preston, Read, Shuster, Taylor.

Yeas 16 ; nays 28.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Giller

Moved a re-consideration of the vote by which the first section was adopted.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Moved to amend the section on the eighth line, by striking out the word "full," and insert in lieu thereof, the word "part."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill and Bumm.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Corlies, Dennis, Dubree, Giller, Gay, Lloyd, Moran, Magarge, Norton, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Taylor.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Davenport, Gibson, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Newell, Preston, Read, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 14 ; nays 28.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gratz

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Painter and Hoffman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Davenport, Gibson, Gray, Gillingham, Green, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Newell, Preston, Read, Stuart, Shuster, Verree, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Bishop, Balch, Corlies, Dennis, Dubree, Giller, Gay, Lloyd, Moran, Magarge, Norton, O'Neill, Painter, Taylor.

Yeas 26 ; nays 14.

Which was agreed to.

The hour of seven having arrived,

Mr. Verree

Moved that Council do now take a recess of thirty minutes.

Mr. Abbey

Moved to amend by striking out "thirty," and insert in lieu thereof "fifteen."

Mr. Gratz

Moved an amendment to the amendment, that when this Council adjourns, it adjourns to meet on Tuesday afternoon next, at three o'clock.

Which was subsequently withdrawn.

The amendment was agreed to, and the question recurring on the resolution, as amended,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Address

Moved that Council do now take a recess of twenty minutes.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hubbard

Moved that this Council do now adjourn.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Bumm

Moved a call of the house.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbey, Address, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Boswell, Copeland, Corlies, Davenport, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Gay, Green, Gratz, Hoffinan, Horn, Hubbard, Hopfel, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, O'Neill, Read, Shuster, Wagner, Diehl, *President*—32.

The absentees were as follows:

Messrs. Austin, Balch, Boyle, Binder, Butcher, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Crispin, Dunk, Dennis, Dougherty, Eastwick, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Graeff, Houseman, Harper, Hacker, Hilles, Laws, Larzalere, Magarge, Newell, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Preston, Randall, Rhoads, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Smith, Stallman, Taylor, Verree, Watt, Wickersham—42.

There being less than a quorum of members present,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was ordered to close the doors, and the Messenger sent in search of the absentees, who returned in a short time, and reported that none could be found.

Mr. Boswell

Moved that Council do now adjourn.

Mr. Andress

Moved to amend, by adding "for fifteen minutes."

Mr. Abbey

Moved an amendment to the amendment, by striking out "for fifteen minutes," and insert in lieu thereof, "to meet on Tuesday afternoon next, at three o'clock."

On this question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Berry and Hoffman.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bumm, Boswell, Dubree, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Lloyd, Norton, O'Neill, Read, Watt.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Bishop, Butcher, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Hoffman, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Newell, Shuster, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 14 ; nays 18.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Newell

Moved further to amend, by substituting "Monday" instead of "Tuesday."

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Berry

Moved further to amend, by substituting "two o'clock" instead of "three o'clock."

Which was not agreed to.

The roll was now ordered to be called, when the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Green, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Preston, Read, Stuart, Shuster, Verree, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*—38.

The absentees were as follows:

Messrs. Austin, Balch, Boyle, Binder, Copeland, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Crispin, Dunk, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gray, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Graeff, Houseman, Harper, Hacker, Hilles, Laws, Larzalere, Magarge, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Randall, Rhoads, Roberts, Scheetz, Smith, Stallman, Taylor, Wickersham—36.

There being a quorum present,

Mr. Martien

Presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts out of the Franklin Legacy Fund, for the purpose of loaning the same as herein mentioned."

J. W. MARTIEN,
Chairman.

JAMES GAY,
C. J. HOFFMAN,
M. SANDGRAN,
J. N. MARSELIS,
JAMES M. GIBSON,
D. B. HINMAN,
W. H. STOKES,
C. B. ANDRESS.

Committee Room, April 12, 1855.

Which was read, and

There being less than a quorum of members present,

Mr. Gratz

Moved that Council do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to,

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 19th, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Austin,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Bumm,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Copeland,
Cowell,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Crispin,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Green,
Gratz,
Graeff,
Houseman,

Messrs. Hoffman,
Horn,
Hacker,
Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hassinger,
Laws,
Lloyd,
Larzalere,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Powell,
Pomeroy,
Painter,
Preston,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Scheetz,
Shuster,
Stallman,
Verree,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President.*

Mr. Hoppel

Moved that the reading of the Journal of last meeting be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Painter

Presented a remonstrance from a number of property-holders, against the laying of water-pipes along Elk street to the Cohocksink Creek.

Mr. Newell

Presented a petition from property-holders on Capitol street, between Brown and Parrish streets, asking that water-pipes may be laid on said street.

Mr. Moran

Presented a petition from owners of property on Florida street, between Fitzwater and Catharine streets, and between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, asking that the water-pipes, laid on said street, may be attached to the main pipes.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Norton

Presented a petition from the same parties, asking that said Florida street may be paved.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from laborers employed on the highway, in the First, Second, and Third Wards, asking that their daily wages may be increased to \$1 25.

Mr. Painter

Presented one of like import from the carters and laborers employed on the highways in the Nineteenth Ward.

Mr. Newell

Presented a petition from owners of property on Ca-

pitol street, between Brown and Parrish streets, asking that said street may be graded.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. Martien

Presented a petition from citizens and residents on Rittenhouse street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, and Race and Vine streets (Tenth Ward), asking that a lamp may be placed on said street.

Mr. Stallman

Presented a bill of the managers of the poor of Germantown, for rent of cells from November 1st, 1854, to February 27th, 1855, amounting to \$48 75.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Gibson

Presented a petition from the Robert Morris Hose Company, asking for an additional appropriation.

Mr. Balch

Presented a communication from Aaron Roberts, relative to an invention for applying water to the extinguishment of fires.

Mr. Giller

Presented a petition from citizens of the First and Second Fire Districts, asking that a fire engine may be placed in said districts.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Dennis

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended, for the purpose of offering a bill, and

On the motion being agreed to, presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Gas beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "A Supplement to an ordinance approved January 13th, 1855, entitled 'An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the payment of certain claims therein mentioned.' "

WM. H. DENNIS,
Chairman.

P. A. KEYSER,
J. L. HUTCHINSON,
ANSON GRAY,
HENRY L. SMITH,
A. G. WATERMAN,
JOHN LLOYD.

Committee Room, April 19, 1855.

The bill was read, and

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Martien

Moved that the regular order of business be further suspended, for the purpose of resuming the consideration of the bill that was on second reading at the adjournment of last meeting, making an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts.

Mr. Eastwick

Moved to amend by adding, "and to offer a resolution relative to the surveyors."

Which was agreed to, and

The motion as amended was agreed to.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Eastwick

Then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Surveys, &c., be authorized to procure offices for the Chief and District Surveyors, and select the same, as far as possible, from property belonging to the City.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Boswell

Presented several bills of John S. Markley against the late District of Penn for fluid.

The reading of which was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Hacker

Presented bills, for professional services rendered the late various corporations, from John M. Read, James Goodman, Henry T. Grout, W. W. Juvenal, J. Wagner Jermon, J. Murray Rush, Wm. L. Hirst and Thomas W. Higgins, Esqs.

The reading of which was dispensed with, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Balch

Presented a remonstrance from the voters of the

Seventh Division of the Ninth Ward against changing the Precinct-house of said division.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Copeland

Presented a petition from citizens of the Seventh Division, Ninth Ward, asking that the Precinct-house of said division may be changed.

Which was read and laid on the table.

The President

Laid before Council the annual report of the Friendship Fire Company, containing the number of members, amount or value of property, real and personal, &c.

Also,

A petition from the Reliance Fire Company, asking the loan of 500 feet of hose.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

A communication from the Controllers of Public Schools, asking for an appropriation of \$30,430 05, to be applied in building new school-houses, repairing, &c.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Schools.

Mr. Balch

Presented the following :

City of Philadelphia.

Dr.

To R. Wistar.

Road Damages as per certificate of judgment, amounting	
to - - - - -	\$2,500

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Moran

Presented a petition from voters and citizens of the

Eighth Precinct, Third Ward, asking that the Precinct-house may be changed.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Balch

Asked that the Journal be corrected on pages 504 and 507, so that the name of Dr. Wm. Shippen should read Dr. Joseph Shippen.

Mr. Hacker,

From the Committee on Finance, presented a report, together with a statement of the expenditures of the late various Corporations for the year 1853; also a statement of the expenditures of the present City Government for the present year. (*See Appendix, No. 16.*)

Which was read, and one thousand copies ordered to be printed in pamphlet form.

Mr. Hacker

Then moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of going into the consideration of the bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan to pay the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth instalments on the subscription to the capital stock of the North Western Railroad Company."

Which was agreed to.

The papers were then presented by the Clerk, being the Daily Sun and Evening Bulletin, in which the bill has been published for four weeks.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Verree

Moved to amend the same on the fourth line, by striking out the words "six hundred," and insert in lieu thereof, the words "seventy-five," and on the fifth line, by striking out the words "fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth."

The question being, will Council agree to the amendment?

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Balch and Newell.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Bumm, Butcher, Copeland, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gillingham, Green, Houseman, Hacker, Hoppel, Hassinger, Laws, Mercer, Newell, O'Neill, Painter, Roberts, Stuart, Stallman, Verree, Watt.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Boswell, Cowell, Conrad, Crispin, Gay, Gratz, Graeff, Horn, Lloyd, Larzalere, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Preston, Shuster, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 27; nays 25.

Which was agreed to.

And on agreeing to the section as amended,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Martien and Andress.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Horn, Hacker, Hoppel, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Stallman, Verree, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Binder, Crispin, Graeff, O'Neill, Painter, Preston.

Yeas 45; nays 7.

Which was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

Section fifth being under consideration,

Mr. Verree

Moved to amend the same by striking out all after the word "Treasurer," on the fourth line.

Which was agreed to.

And the section, as amended, was agreed to.

Mr. Balch

Moved to amend the title by striking out the words "fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth," and the letter "s" in the word "instalments."

Which was agreed to.

The title, as amended, was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time, and on the final passage of the same,

The yeas and nays being ordered, were as follows ;

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Horn, Hacker, Hoppel, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Painter, Preston, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Stallman, Verree, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 52 ; nays 0.

Which was agreed to,

And the bill passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Copeland,

From the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., report that, accord-

ing to the grade adopted for Girard avenue, it will cross the Reading Railroad at Pennsylvania avenue by a bridge. The Railroad Company have submitted plans for a bridge, and the improvement of Pennsylvania avenue from Poplar to Thompson street, so as to obviate all danger to passenger travel.

The Company have, very liberally, offered to bear one-half of the whole expense of the improvement.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the resolution annexed, authorizing the Chief Commissioner of Highways to contract with the Company for the construction of the work.

The plans recommended are herewith submitted for the inspection of Councils.

S. COPELAND,
Chairman.

CHARLES HUBBARD,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
J. N. MARSELIS,
ALGERNON S. ROBERTS,
THOS. T. BUTCHER,
O. P. CORNMAN,
P. A. KEYSER.

Committee Room, April 19th, 1855.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be authorized on behalf of, and for the City Corporation, to enter into a contract with the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company for the following purposes, namely, the said Railroad Company to construct a bridge on Girard Avenue where it crosses the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad at Pennsylvania avenue, and to grade the latter avenue in conformity with the plans prepared by the said Company, and the City Corporation to pay one-half of the expense of constructing the said bridge and grading said avenue, but in no event to pay beyond the amount of seventeen thousand dollars for such purposes.

Which was read, and

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Balch

Moved to amend the same at the end thereof, by adding the following: "Such contract to be submitted to Councils for approval, before it is finally entered into on the part of the City."

Which was agreed to, and

The resolution as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Boswell

Moved that when this Council adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday afternoon next, at three o'clock.

Mr. Address

Moved to amend by substituting "Monday" for "Tuesday."

Which was accepted, and

The motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. Copeland,

From the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance providing for the granting of permits to make openings into the common sewers."

S. COPELAND,
Chairman.

THOS. T. BUTCHER,
J. N. MARSELIS,
P. A. KEYSER,
CHARLES HUBBARD,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
O. P. CORNMAN,
ALGERNON S. ROBERTS.

Committee Room, April 19th, 1855.

Which was read.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Gay

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed, and printed for the use of members.

Which was not agreed to.

Section first was then agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

Section fifth was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and, on the final passage of the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Larzalere and Gay.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Bishop, Balch, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Dennis, Dubree, Giller, Grove, Gillingham, Green, Graeff, Horn, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Preston, Roberts, Shuster, Stallman, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Conrad, Gay, Hoppel, Larzalere, Mercer, O'Neill, Painter.

Yeas 28 ; nays 7.

Which was agreed to, and

The bill passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils;

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance for the regulation of awnings and awning posts."

S. COPELAND,
Chairman.

CHARLES HUBBARD,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
P. A. KEYSER,
O. P. CORNMAN,
THOS. T. BUTCHER,
J. N. MARSELIS,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS.

Committee Room, April 19th, 1855.

The bill was read, and, on motion of

Mr. Gay,

The further reading and consideration of the same was postponed, and ordered to be printed for the use of members.

Which was agreed to.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying resolution.

SAMUEL COPELAND,
Chairman.

T. TYSON BUTCHER,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
P. A. KEYSER,
NATHAN HILLES,
J. N. MARSELIS.

Committee Room, April 19th, 1855.

A resolution relative to the vacating of Oak street, from Crammond to Mansion street in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that their approbation is hereby given

to the vacation of Oak street from Crammond to Mansion street in the Twenty-fourth Ward, as they are authorized so to approve by an act of Assembly approved May 8, 1854, entitled "An Act to vacate part of Oak street, in West Philadelphia."

Which was read twice and passed.

The title was agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., in answer to the resolution passed by Councils, March 20th, relative to the grading of streets in Twenty-fourth Ward, respectfully report,

That Chestnut street, from Bridgewater street to Darby Road, is being graded, in accordance with a resolution passed by Councils, November 30th. Oak and Mansion streets are being graded under authority of a resolution of Councils passed January 11th, the grade of the above street being made in accordance with the survey of the District made by Mr. Fox and approved by the Court. Girard avenue is being graded, under contract made by the late County Commissioners, under authority of an act of the Legislature ; and Montgomery and Berks avenues, in Belmont, are under contract made by the late Commissioners of that District under act of the Legislature.

The Committee also report it to be their opinion that it is inexpedient at this time to grade Washington street, in conformity with the plan of the District, as confirmed by the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL COPELAND,
Chairman.

CHARLES HUBBARD,
P. A. KEYSER,
C. J. HOFFMAN,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
THOS. T. BUTCHER,
NATHAN HILLES,
O. P. CORNMAN.

Committee Room, April 19th, 1855.

Which was read, and ordered to be transmitted to Select Council for information.

Mr. Martien,

From the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, presented the following:

To the Select and Common Council:

The Committee on Trusts, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts therein named, and to authorize and require him to make certain investments."

J. W. MARTIEN,
Chairman.
D. B. HINMAN,
JAMES M. GIBSON,
C. B. ANDRESS,
J. N. MARSELIS,
M. SANDGRAN,
JONATHAN BULLOCK,
W. H. STOKES,
H. BUMM,
JAMES GAY.

Committee Room, April 19, 1855.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department beg

leave to submit a bill, entitled "A Supplement to an ordinance approved January 30th, 1855, entitled 'An Ordinance to reorganize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia.'"

J. W. MARTIEN,
Chairman.

JAMES M. GIBSON,
JAMES GAY,
J. N. MARSELIS,
JONATHAN BULLOCK.
W. H. STOKES,
FRANCIS H. DUFFEE,
D. B. HINMAN,
C. B. ADDRESS,
M. SANDGRAN.

Committee Room, April 19th, 1855.

Which was read, when

Mr. Boswell

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed, and printed for the use of members.

Which was not agreed to.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Address

Offered the following as a substitute for the same :

SECTION 1. That the said Board of Directors shall annually, at their stated meeting in September, ballot for a Chief Engineer, and the person receiving a majority of the votes of the Board shall be nominated to Select Council, for their approval or rejection ; *Provided*, That the person so nominated shall not be less than thirty years of age, and shall have served five years as a member of the Fire Department. *Provided*, also, that if no person be nominated by the Board and approved of by the Select Council, by the time of the stated meeting of Councils in October, Councils shall in joint meeting, by *viva voce* vote, elect a Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

And, after some time spent in the discussion of the same,

Mr. Balch

Moved the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising :

Messrs. Balch, Boswell, Graeff, Gibson, Hoffman, Larzalere, Martien, Mercer, Preston, and Verree.

The question being, Shall the main question be now put ?

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Painter and Newell.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Boswell, Copeland, Corlies, Davenport, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gillingham, Gay, Gratz, Graeff, Hoffman, Horn, Laws, Larzalere, Mercer, Martien, Preston, Roberts, Shuster, Stallman, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Andress, Bumm, Butcher, Conrad, Dubree, Hoppel, Hassinger, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Painter.

Yeas 30 ; nays 14.

It was agreed to.

The main question being on agreeing to the amendment offered by Mr. Andress,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Andress and Newell.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Berry, Bumm, Davenport, Dubree, Gillingham, Graeff, Houseman, Horn, Hoppel, Hassinger, Laws, Moran, Manuel, Newell, O'Neill, Painter, Preston, Stallman.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gay, Hoffman, Larzalere, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Roberts, Shuster, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 19 ; nays 24.

Which was not agreed to.

Section first was then agreed to.

Mr. Address

Moved that this Council do now adjourn.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Giller and Abbey.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Address, Berry, Bumm, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dubree, Grove, Gray, Gillingham, Horn, Hoppel, Laws, Moran, Manuel, Newell, O'Neill, Painter, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Boswell, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Gay, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Hoffinan, Hassinger, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Preston, Roberts, Shuster, Stallman, Verree, Wagner.

Yeas 20 ; nays 23.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Painter

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed till next meeting.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Painter and Berry.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Address, Berry, Bumm, Butcher, Copeland, Corlies, Davenport, Dubree, Eastwick, Graeff, Houseman, Hoppel, Laws, Moran, Manuel, Newell, O'Neill, Painter, Preston.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Boswell, Conrad, Gibson, Giller, Gay, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hassinger, Larzalere, Mercer, Martien, Matthews, Roberts, Shuster, Stallman, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 19 ; nays 23.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Laws

Moved that the further consideration of the whole subject be postponed till Thursday afternoon next.

Mr. Painter

Moved to amend, by striking out "Thursday afternoon next," and insert in lieu thereof, "Thursday four weeks."

Mr. Martien

Moved an amendment to the amendment, by striking out "Thursday four weeks," and insert in lieu thereof, "Thursday eight weeks."

Which was not agreed to.

The amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original resolution,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Moran and Laws.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Binder, Butcher, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dubree, Eastwick, Giller, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Horn, Laws, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Painter, Preston, Stallman, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Boswell, Gibson, Gray, Gay, Hoffman, Hoppel, Hassinger, Larzalere, Mercer, Martien, Roberts, Shuster, Verree, Wagner.

Yeas 27 ; nays 17.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Martien

Moved that Council do now adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 23d, 1855.

Council met, pursuant to adjournment.—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Austin,
Berry,
Bishop,
Balch,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Copeland,
Cowell,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Davenport,
Dougherty,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Gay,
Green,
Gratz,
Graeff,
Hubbard,
Hoppel,

Messrs. Hilles,
Hassinger,
Lloyd,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Pomeroy,
Painter,
Preston,
Randall,
Roberts,
Shuster,
Smith,
Taylor,
Verree,
Watt,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President*.

Mr. Green,

From the Committee on Poor, made report (*see Appendix, No. 17,*) with a bill annexed, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the Poor, for the purpose of paying the expenses incurred in the support of the poor in the Borough of Manayunk."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

The first and only section was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Mercer

Returned a petition that had been referred to Committee on Port Wardens, &c., asking that the dirt may be removed from Cohocksink Creek, east of Beach street, and asked that the same may be referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Which was agreed to.

Also, presented the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings and Wharves, beg leave to report that they had under consideration the communication from Messrs. H. & A. Cope & Co., in relation to their dock at the foot of Walnut street, in the Delaware, and find that the same has been cleansed by the

late City, and would therefore offer the annexed resolution.

S. S. BISHOP,
Chairman.

JOHN A. MERCER,
CHAS. T. JONES,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
D. B. HINMAN,
NATHAN HILLES,
R. P. GILLINGHAM,
P. A. KEYSER.

Committee Room, April 23, 1855.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings be directed to have H. & A. Cope & Co.'s dock, at the foot of Walnut street, in the Delaware, cleansed.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings and Wharves, beg leave to submit the accompanying resolution.

S. S. BISHOP,
Chairman.

JOHN A. MERCER,
NATHAN HILLES,
P. A. KEYSER,
CHAS. T. JONES,
R. P. GILLINGHAM,
JOHN STALLMAN,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
J. N. MARSELIS.

Committee Room, April 23d, 1855.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings be directed to draw a warrant in favor of the estate of Cadwallader Evans, for one hundred and seventeen dollars and twenty-five cents, for six months ground rent on lot on Wood street (Schuylkill), said amount to be paid out

of the appropriation for cleaning docks made to the department, approved the 12th day of February, 1855.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Bishop

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer and Surveyor be directed to make a survey and soundings of the river Delaware, in front of the City, as provided for in the twenty-eighth section of the act of Consolidation, to enable Councils to determine a wharf line, under the superintendence of the Committee on Port Wardens, Public Landings, and Wharves.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Mercer

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Market Committee be, and they are hereby required to report an ordinance designating the rate for licenses, and defining the bounds or limits of all stands for hawkers, peddlers or hucksters, venders of market produce, within the consolidated City, and to impose the penalties for violations of ordinance, and report to Councils at next stated meeting.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Newell

Moved to amend the same by striking out the words, "at next stated meeting," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "at the second stated meeting in May next."

Which was accepted.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved further to amend by striking out the words, "hucksters, venders of market produce."

Which was agreed to, and

The resolution as amended was not agreed to.

Mr. Mercer

Offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, During the session of Councils, the business of the chambers has been retarded by the absence of members in the anteroom, retiring there for the purpose of smoking and killing time ; therefore,

Resolved, That from and after the passage of this resolution, the Sergeant-at-Arms be, and he is hereby directed to close said room from time of roll-call until the adjournment of Councils.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Moran

Moved that the same be laid on the table.

On this question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dougherty and Painter.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Berry, Butcher, Copeland, Cowell, Corlies, Eastwick, Giller, Gratz, Graeff, Moran, Manuel, Newell, Painter, Preston, Randall, Smith, Verree, Watt, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Binder, Boswell, Conrad, Davenport, Dougherty, Gibson, Green, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Mercer, Matthews, Norton, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Roberts, Shuster, Taylor.

Yeas 21 ; nays 21.

Which was not agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gibson and Pomeroy.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Binder, Boswell, Conrad, Davenport, Dougherty, Gibson, Green, Gratz, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Mercer, Matthews, Manuel, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Roberts, Shuster, Taylor, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Address, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Copeland, Cowell, Corlies, Eastwick, Giller, Gay, Graeff, Hubbard, Moran, Norton, Newell, Painter, Preston, Randall, Smith, Verree, Watt.

Yeas 22 ; nays 21.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council non-concurred.

Mr. O'Neill

Offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, A vacancy has occurred in the office of Police Magistrate of the Eighteenth Ward, in consequence of the commission of John Clouds having expired by limitation, and it being absolutely necessary for the preservation of the public peace in said Ward, that the vacancy should be filled at once. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Council be directed to inform the Select Council that this Council is now prepared to meet them in Convention, for the purpose of going into an election for a Police Magistrate of the Eighteenth Ward.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Smith

Moved to amend the same at the end thereof, by adding the words "Twenty-second Ward."

Which was accepted.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved further to amend, by adding the words "and Eighth Ward."

Which was also accepted.

Mr. Green

Moved that the whole subject be laid on the table.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Dougherty and Pomeroy.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Berry, Bishop, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Cowell, Conrad, Giller, Green, Gratz, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Newell, Preston, Shuster, Smith, Verree, Watt, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Copeland, Corlies, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gibson, Gay, Graeff, Hassinger, Mercer, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Roberts, Taylor, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 24 ; nays 17.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Mercer

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a joint Special Committee of three from each Chamber, be appointed to ascertain what reduction can be made in the appropriations of this government, and in the number and salaries of its officers, and to propose some judicious plan of retrenchment not incompatible with the financial interests of the City, and that said Committee report at their earliest convenience.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Painter

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the

same be postponed, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Supervisors of the Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards be, and they are hereby directed to deposit all the cleaning of the streets within their respective Wards, on the Public Square between Howard and Hancock streets, north of Diamond street.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Gratz

Moved to amend the same on the second line, by striking out the word " directed," and insert in lieu thereof, the word " recommended."

Which was accepted, and the resolution agreed to.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Copeland

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended, for the purpose of going into the consideration of the bill making an appropriation to the Department of Highways, &c., to pay certain claims therein mentioned, for work performed by virtue of certain contracts.

Which was agreed to.

The bill being on second reading, and the first and second divisions of the first section having been adopted, the third division being under consideration,

Mr. Copeland

Moved to amend the same, by striking out the words " three thousand dollars," and insert in lieu thereof, the words " six thousand dollars."

Which was subsequently withdrawn.

Mr. Boswell

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed, and made the special order of business for Thursday next.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Moran and Andress.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Balch, Boswell, Gibson, Giller, Gratz, Hilles, Hassinger, Mercer, Norton, Roberts, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Binder, Butcher, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dougherty, Gay, Green, Hubbard, Hoppel, Lloyd, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Randall, Shuster, Smith, Taylor.

Yeas 13 ; nays 27.

Which was not agreed to.

The division was agreed to.

The fourth division being under consideration,

Mr. Copeland

Moved to amend the same, by striking out the words "one thousand dollars," and insert in lieu thereof, the words "one thousand one hundred twenty dollars and nine cents."

Which was agreed to.

And the division as amended, was agreed to.

The fifth division was not agreed to.

The sixth division was agreed to.

The seventh division being under consideration,

Mr. Gibson

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed, and recommitted to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Also,

Moved a call of the house.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbey, Address, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Dougherty, Gibson, Giller, Gay, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Randall, Shuster, Taylor, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*—40.

The question being, Will Council agree to the division?

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gibson and Address.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Address, Austin, Bishop, Binder, Boswell, Copeland, Corlies, Dougherty, Giller, Gay, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Moran, Manuel, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Painter, Shuster, Taylor, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Butcher, Conrad, Davenport, Gibson, Mercer, Matthews, Norton, Verree.

Yeas 28 ; nays 8.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Abbey

Moved further to amend the section on the second and third lines, by striking out the words "twenty-five thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars and twenty-five cents," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "twenty-one thousand three hundred and ninety-five dollars and thirty-four cents." And on the fifth line, by striking out the words, "seventy-five dollars and twenty-five cents," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "ninety-five dollars and thirty-four cents."

Which was agreed to, and

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section second being under consideration,

Mr. Copeland

Moved to amend the same on the third line, after the word "money," by adding the words, "and twenty dollars and nine cents to Charles Dixey in money."

Which was agreed to, and

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

The following message was received from the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Phila., April 19, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—I have approved and signed the following Ordinances, viz.:

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the expenses of lighting the City."

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses."

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and cleansing the City, to pay a certain claim therein mentioned in certificates of City debt."

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for the purchase of certain lots of ground situated on the south side of Locust street, and the west side of Ninth street in the Eighth Ward."

Resolution adopted by Select and Common Councils,

at the City of Philadelphia, April twelfth, A. D., eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Gratz

Moved that Council do now take a recess of thirty minutes.

Which was agreed to, and at the expiration of that time reassembled.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Berry, Bishop, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Davenport, Gibson, Giller, Gay, Gratz, Houseman, Hoffman, Hoppel, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Stuart, Shuster, Verree, Diehl, *President*—29.

Mr. Giller

Moved that Council do now adjourn, to meet on Wednesday afternoon next, at three o'clock.

Which was agreed to.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 25th, 1855.

Council met, pursuant to adjournment.—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Austin,
Berry,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Copeland,
Conrad,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Griscom,

Messrs. Gratz,
Horn,
Hoppel,
Hassinger,
Mercer,
Manuel,
Norton,
Newell,
Painter,
Randall,
Shuster,
Stallman,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President*—28.

There being less than a quorum,

Mr. Hoppel

Moved that this Council do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 26th, 1855.

Council met.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Giller was called to the chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Andress,
Austin,
Berry,
Bumm,
Binder,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Copeland,
Cowell,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Crispin,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gillingham,
Gay,
Gratz,
Graeff,
Houseman,
Hoffman,
Harper,

Messrs. Horn,
Hacker,
Hubbard,
Hoppel,
Hilles,
Hassinger,
Lloyd,
Larzalere,
Mercer,
Martien,
Manuel,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Powell,
Pomeroy,
Parham,
Painter,
Preston,
Randall,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Scheetz,
Shuster,
Smith,
Stallman,
Taylor,
Verree,
Wagner,
Dichl, *President*.

On motion of

Mr. Hoppel,

The reading of the Journal of last meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. Newell

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended, for the purpose of offering a resolution, and

On the motion being agreed to,

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sixth election precinct of the Fifteenth Ward be changed to the house of Joseph McClay, on the southwest corner of Callowhill and Twenty-second streets, in consequence of the house where the election was held being burned down.

Which was read twice and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Hoppel

Moved that the regular order of business be further suspended, for the purpose of disposing of the business on the President's desk.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sixth election precinct of Tenth Ward be changed from the former location, owing to the inefficiency of room for conducting the election, to the building occupied by Enoch Clouds, on the south side of Race street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the elections to be hereafter held in the Fifth Division of the Twenty-second Ward, be held at the house of Thomas McDowell, on the northeast side of Germantown avenue, between High and Chestnut streets, in consequence of the house where the elections heretofore held having been torn down.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Surveys be, and they are hereby directed to run a grade upon Hancock, from Haines to Mill streets, in the Twenty-second Ward, and report the same to Councils for confirmation.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had concurred in the bill, entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the manner of paving the streets in the City of Philadelphia, and to provide for the payment of the expenses thereof."

And have amended the same as follows :

Section first, in sixth line, strike out the words "street or," and the words, "of less than thirty feet in width."

Also,

In section first, twelfth line, by striking out the word "four," and insert the word "five."

And to add to the end of said section the following proviso :

And provided further, That all sidewalks in the paved parts of the City in front of vacant lots, shall be graded to the line of such street, and that part thereof not required to be paved, shall be covered with gravel, at least four inches thick ; and where there are private cartways leading

across sidewalks to any store, house, stable or other building or to vacant lots in the paved parts of said City, the same shall be paved either with broad flat stones, hewn and laid closely together, or with hard bricks laid edgewise

Section second, strike out all after the word "same," in fourth line, to the word "and" in the fifth line. And insert in the sixth line, after the word "expense," the words "excluding therefrom, the expense of paving at the intersection of any public streets."

Section sixth, strike out in first and second lines, the words "three-fourths, or be less than one-fourth of," and insert the words "one-half of," and add to the end of the section the following: "except in corner lots where the same is not practicable."

Also,

Have inserted a new section, as follows:

Section 7th. That hereafter no street shall be accepted for public use, of a less width than thirty feet.

Have also made "Section seventh" read "Section eighth."

In which amendments they ask concurrence.

So Common Council concurred in the amendments.

Also,

Informed that they had concurred in the resolution authorizing the Chief Commissioner of Highways to contract with the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, for certain purposes therein mentioned; and have amended the same by striking out the word "Councils," in the third line from the bottom thereof, and inserting the words, "The Committee on Highways," &c.

Common Council concurred in the amendment.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do most earnestly protest against the

passage of a bill now before the Legislature, entitled "An act to preserve shade and ornamental trees at Mount Airy," and that our Representatives be earnestly requested to oppose the passage of the same.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be instructed to report at the next stated meeting of Councils on the resolution of inquiry into the policy of the City government discontinuing the inspection of tobacco, passed by this Council on the 1st of March.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following:

Resolved, That the Presidents of Councils, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, be, and are hereby authorized and requested to remonstrate against the passage of any act by the State Legislature, granting authority to passenger railroad companies to use or occupy the streets of the City of Philadelphia, until a definite plan or system shall have been matured and submitted to Councils by the Department of Highways and Surveys.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had received the annexed report (*see Appendix, No. 17*) from the Committee on City Property, relative to the annual rental of the City property, with the accompanying resolution, which they have passed:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of City Property be requested to charge to the several departments the amount of rent set to them in the annexed list, and present to the

proper officer of each department a bill for the same rent, to commence first January, 1855.

The resolution was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had received the annexed report (*see Appendix, No. 18*) relative to disposing of a certain lot of ground in the Twenty-third Ward, with the accompanying resolution, which they have passed:

Resolved, That the Committee be excused from the further consideration of the subject.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be, and is hereby requested to take the necessary legal measures to procure the opening of Moore street, in First Ward, from Jefferson avenue eastward to Front street.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had passed a bill, entitled "Joint resolutions relating to the printing and advertising for account of the city."

Resolved, That hereafter the heads of the various departments, and the clerks of Councils, shall advertise in three daily newspapers and no more, and that a copy of this resolution be served on all the heads of the various departments, and no other printing shall be done except by order of Councils.

Resolved, That any newspaper or newspapers which shall, in violation of these resolutions, advertise or publish,

without the written order of any head of department, or clerk of Councils as aforesaid, such newspaper or papers shall have no claim on the City for payment.

Resolved, That in any future advertising for or on account of this City, payment for which is to be made out of the City Treasury, the provisions of these resolutions shall in all cases apply.

Which were read twice and passed, and

The title was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had concurred in the bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the granting of building permits."

And have amended the same as follows :

Section fifth, in third line, strike out the word "may" and insert the word "shall;" sixth line, strike out "twenty-five" and insert "fifty;" seventh line, strike out "fifty cents" and insert "one dollar," and strike out "one" and insert "two."

Section sixth, insert after word "street," in the eighth line, the words, "after having been notified that the same is in violation of this ordinance."

Section eighth, this ordinance shall not apply to the rural districts.

The first and second amendments were concurred in, and the question being, Will Council concur in the third amendment?

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Copeland and Smith.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Butcher, Copeland, Conrad, Corlies, Dubree, Gillingham, Gay, Gratz, Houseman, Harper, Horn, Hubbard, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Manuel, O'Neill, Parham, Painter, Roberts, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Austin, Binder, Boswell, Crispin, Davenport, Dennis, Gibson, Giller, Graeff, Hoppel, Mercer, Norton, Newell, Preston, Randall, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Taylor, Wagner.

Yeas 23 ; nays 20.

Which was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

The fourth amendment was concurred in.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Law be authorized to adopt such measures as may be necessary to obtain the repeal of so much of the twenty-fourth section of the act of Consolidation as precludes the Aldermen of the City of Philadelphia from receiving fees in criminal cases, and that they also be requested to take into consideration the propriety of bringing in a bill repealing so much of the ordinance, approved the twenty-eighth day of July, 1854, as authorized the payment of salaries to police or committing magistrates out of the City Treasury.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they have had under consideration the resolution relative to the City Controller furnishing a statement of the Police Department, and the expenses of the Committee on Law on their visit to Harrisburg, and had amended the same by striking out all after the word "last," on the tenth line.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Boswell

Moved that the same be laid on the table.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Gratz

Moved that this Council do now concur.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Painter and Martien.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Binder, Butcher, Conrad, Davenport, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Gratz, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Lloyd, Larzalere, Martien, Manuel, Newell, Parham, Preston, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Verree, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Corlies, Crispin, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Graeff, Houseman, Harper, Horn, Hillos, Hassinger, Mercer, O'Neill, Painter, Randall, Roberts, Scheetz, Taylor, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 25 ; nays 24.

Which was agreed to.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had passed a bill entitled "An Ordinance to organize the Health Department."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

Section fifth was agreed to.

Sextion sixth being under consideration,

Mr. Giller

Moved to amend the same by striking out the proviso.

Which was agreed to, and

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section seventh was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time, and passed.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have received a report from the joint Special Committee to whom was referred a communication from Andrew Matthews, relative to a claim for services as foreman of laborers under J. White, Supervisor of the Seventh Ward, with resolutions annexed, which they had passed :

Resolved, That the communication of Andrew Matthews, with the documents accompanying this report, be transmitted to the Chief Commissioner of Highways, Bridges, &c., for the information of himself and the Committee of that Department.

Resolved, That this Committee be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

Which were read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had received a report from the Committee on City Property, relative to granting permission to the Skaters' Club to erect a building on Lemon Hill estate, and recommending such permission not to be granted.

Which was read and adopted.

Also,

Informed that they had received a report from the same Committee, relative to furnishing a block of marble to the Washington National Monument, and recommending a change in the original plan.

Which was read and adopted.

Also,

Informed that they had passed a bill, entitled "An Ordinance relating to hackney carriages."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third being under consideration,

Mr. Norton

Moved to amend the same on the second line, by striking out the word "April," and insert in lieu thereof, the word "June."

Mr. Gillingham

Moved an amendment to the amendment, by striking out the words "first day of June," and insert in lieu thereof, the words "fifteenth day of May."

Which was withdrawn.

Mr. Martien

Moved further to amend, by striking out the words "fifteenth day of May," and insert in lieu thereof, the words "first day of June."

Which was agreed to, and

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section fourth was agreed to.

Section fifth being under consideration,

Mr. Martien

Moved to amend the same on the second line, by striking out the word "February," and insert in lieu thereof the word "May ;" and strike out the word "March," and insert the word "June."

Which was agreed to, and

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section sixth was agreed to.

Section seventh was agreed to.

Section eighth was agreed to.

Section ninth was agreed to.

Section tenth was agreed to.

Section eleventh was agreed to.

Section twelfth was agreed to.

Section thirteenth was agreed to.

Section fourteenth was agreed to.

Section fifteenth was agreed to.

Section sixteenth was agreed to.

Section seventeenth was agreed to.

Section eighteenth was agreed to.

Section nineteenth was agreed to.

Section twentieth was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Council then resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An Ordinance for the regulation of omnibuses."

The same being on second reading,

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Newell

Moved to amend the same on the fourth line, by striking out the word "April," and insert in lieu thereof the word "June."

Which was agreed to,

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

Section third being under consideration,

Mr. Newell

Moved to amend the same, by striking out all after the word "omnibus" in the third line to the word "the" in the fifth line.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Boswell and Hoffman.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Austin, Berry, Bumm, Binder, Copeland, Cowell, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Griscom, Gratz, Houseman, Horn, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Larzalere, Martien, Norton, Newell, Powell, Randall, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Verree, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Boswell, Conrad, Graeff, Hoffman, Lloyd, Manuel, Parham, Preston, Stuart, Taylor.

Yeas 34; nays 11.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Gratz

Moved further to amend by striking out "thirty dollars," and insert in lieu thereof "fifteen dollars."

Mr. Abbey

Moved an amendment to the amendment by striking out "fifteen dollars," and insert "twenty dollars."

Which was not agreed to.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Verree

Moved further to amend the section, at the end thereof, by adding the following:

"*Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall apply

to the owner or owners of any omnibus that runs over and pays toll on any turnpike within the limits of the City."

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Smith

Moved further to amend, by adding the following:

"*Provided*, That all omnibuses that pay toll on turnpikes or plank roads be five dollars."

Mr. Hoppel

Moved to amend by striking out "five dollars," and insert in lieu thereof "seven dollars and fifty cents."

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Abbey and Larzalere.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Binder, Copeland, Cowell, Conrad, Davenport, Gibson, Giller, Gay, Houseman, Hoffman, Hoppel, Lloyd, Mercer, Manuel, Norton, Newell, Powell, Parham, Wagner.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Boswell, Corlies, Dubree, Eastwick, Griscom, Horn, Milles, Hassinger, Larzalere, O'Neill, Roberts, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Stallman, Taylor, Verree.

Yeas 20 ; nays 19.

Which was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Section fourth being under consideration,

Mr. Newell

Moved to amend the same on the second line by striking out the word "April," and insert in lieu thereof the word "June."

Which was agreed to.

The section as amended was agreed to.

Section fifth was agreed to.

Section sixth being under consideration,

Mr. Hoppel

Moved to amend the same on the third line, by striking out the words "of the door," and by adding the word "concave" between the words "lower" and "panel" on the same line.

Which was agreed to.

And the section as amended was agreed to.

Section seventh was agreed to.

Section eighth was agreed to.

Section ninth was agreed to.

Section tenth was agreed to.

Section eleventh was agreed to.

Section twelfth was agreed to.

Section thirteenth was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Giller

Moved that Council do now take a recess of thirty minutes.

Which was agreed to, and

At the expiration of that time re-assembled, and resumed the consideration of the unfinished business on the President's desk.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have non-concurred in the amendments to the bill relating to the clerks and messengers of Councils, to wit:

To add at the end of Section sixth, "There shall be elected upon the passage of this bill, and annually thereafter upon

the organization of Councils, one transcribing clerk, who shall transcribe all ordinances and joint resolutions passed by both Councils."

And have non-concurred in the amendment to fifteenth section, and, on motion of

Mr. Martien,

Common Council insisted on their amendments.

Also,

Informed that they had passed a bill, entitled "Joint resolution authorizing the contract for, or purchase of fire engines and apparatus."

Whereas, In consequence of a number of the fire companies refusing to accept the provisions of an ordinance for the regulation, and whereas by the action of said companies parts of the City have not sufficient apparatus for the extinguishment of fires ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer, under the supervision of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department be, and he is hereby authorized to contract for six fire engines, with a suitable number of feet of hose, with tenders to carry it ; said engines and apparatus to be procured of the plainest and best kind, and to be furnished as soon as practicable, if the Committee on Legacies and Trusts deem it expedient.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Martien

Moved to amend the same by striking out the words "Legacies and Trusts," and insert in lieu thereof the words "Trusts and Fire Department."

Which was agreed to.

And after some time had been spent in the discussion of the resolution,

Mr. Boswell

Moved the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising :

Messrs. Boswell, Davenport, Dennis, Gay, Gibson, Gratz, Grove, Hoffinan, Houseman, and Larzalere.

The question being, Shall the main question be now put ?

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Painter and Newell.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Binder, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gay, Gratz, Houseman, Hoffinan, Hubbard, Larzalere, Martien, Shuster, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Address, Bumm, Horn, Hoppel, Hassinger, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Parham, Painter, Roberts, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 21 ; nays 15.

It was agreed to.

The main question being on agreeing to the resolution as amended,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Gibson and Newell.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Binder, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Dennis, Dubree, Giller, Grove, Gratz, Houseman, Hoffinan, Larzalere, Martien, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Address, Bumm, Corlies, Davenport, Gibson, Gay, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Parham, Painter, Roberts, Shuster, Wagner.

Yeas 16 ; nays 20.

It was not agreed to.

So Common Council non-concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the joint Committee on Steam Fire Engines be requested to take into consideration the propriety of purchasing for the use of the City two or more steam fire engines, and report at an early day by bill or otherwise.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Andress

Moved to amend the same by striking out the words, "requested to take into consideration the propriety of," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "directed to advertise proposals for."

Mr. Giller

Moved that the whole subject be laid on the table.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Abbey and Dennis.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Bumm, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gay, Houseman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Parham, Painter, Stuart, Shuster, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Binder, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Gratz, Hoffman, Larzalere, Martien, Roberts.

Yeas 26 ; nays 10.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Griscom

Presented the report (*see Appendix, No. 20*) of the

Committee of Visitation to the Girard College for Orphans, for the month of March, 1855, and moved that the reading of the same be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hoppel

Moved that Council do now adjourn.

On this question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Norton and Newell.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Gibson, Hubbard, Hoppel, Larzalere, Powell, Parham, Roberts, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Address, Bumm, Binder, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Giller, Grove, Griscom, Gay, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hassinger, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Painter, Stuart, Shuster, Wagner.

Yeas 11 ; nays 25.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Giller

Moved a call of the house.

The roll was called, when the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbey, Address, Bumm, Binder, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Corlies, Davenport, Dennis, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Griscom, Gay, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Larzalere, Martien, Manuel, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Parham, Painter, Roberts, Stuart, Shuster, Wagner, Diehl, *President*—36.

The absentees were as follows :

Messrs. Austin, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Boyle, Butcher, Cresswell, Conrad, Crispin, Dunk, Dougherty, Eastwick, Gray, Gillingham, Green, Graeff, Houseman, Harper, Hacker, Hilles, Laws, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Magar-

ge, Pomeroy, Preston, Read, Randall, Rhoads, Scheetz, Smith, Stallman, Taylor, Verree, Watt, Wickersham—38.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was ordered to close the doors, and the Messenger sent in search of the absentees, who returned in a short time, and reported that none could be found, and,

On motion,

Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 3d, 1855.

Council met.—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,	Hubbard,
Andress,	Hoppel,
Berry,	Hilles,
Bishop,	Hassinger,
Balch,	Lloyd,
Bunn,	Larzalere,
Binder,	Mercer,
Butcher,	Moran,
Boswell,	Martien,
Copeland,	Matthews,
Cowell,	Manuel,
Cresswell,	Magarge,
Conrad,	Norton,
Corlies,	Newell,
Crispin,	O'Neill,
Dunk,	Powell,
Davenport,	Pomeroy,
Dennis,	Parham,
Dougherty,	Painter,
Dubree,	Preston,
Gibson,	Read,
Giller,	Randall,
Grove,	Roberts,
Gray,	Stuart,
Griscom,	Scheetz,
Gillingham,	Shuster,
Gay,	Smith,
Gratz,	Taylor,
Graeff,	Verree,
Houseman,	Watt,
Hoffman,	Wagner,
Horn,	Diehl, <i>President.</i>
Hacker,	

On motion of Mr. O'Neill,

The reading of the Journal of last meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. Abbey

Presented a communication from Alderman John B. Kenny, tendering his resignation as Police Magistrate of the Fifth Ward.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Boswell

Presented a communication from Isaac W. Roberts, waiving his claim for damages to be incurred in the opening of Belmont avenue to the Manayunk Bridge, on certain conditions.

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways, &c.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended, for the purpose of disposing of the business on the President's desk, and

On the motion being agreed to,

Moved that Council proceed to the consideration of the bill making an appropriation to George Kelly, for constructing certain culverts.

Which was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolutions :

“ Joint Resolutions relative to Police Magistrates.”

Resolved, That the Police Magistrates in the various Wards be directed and required to attend at the several station-houses, at seven o'clock, A. M., of each day, to hear all cases of arrests that may be made by the night police, and that any violation of this resolution shall be deemed a misdemeanor in office, to be followed by dismissal.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Lieutenants of each Ward to notify the Mayor of any infraction of the above resolution, who is requested to report the same to Councils.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the first resolution.

Mr. Verree

Moved to amend the same, by striking out all after the word "police," on the fourth line.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Griscom

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the resolutions be postponed for the present.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Inform this Council that they return a report from the Committee on Highways, &c., relative to certain grading in the Twenty-fourth Ward, with a resolution annexed, which they have passed :

Resolved, That Councils deem it inexpedient at the present time to grade Washington street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, in conformity with the plan (of the late district of West Philadelphia,) as confirmed by the Court.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Solicitor be directed to take immediate measures to compel the late collectors of corporation and other taxes in the several late districts composing the

present consolidated City, to pay over the amounts in their hands and settle their duplicates as soon as practicable.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways be, and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of having Green street, from Twenty-second to Twenty-fifth street, paved, and report at the next meeting.

Which was read.

And on motion of Mr. Verree, postponed.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be, and they are hereby requested to inquire and report at what price and terms the property now belonging to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, known as Powelton, located in the Twenty fourth ward, can be purchased, to be appropriated for a public Park.

Which was read and not agreed to.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the attention of the Department of Highways be called to the vaults and openings on the sidewalks, which now endanger the lives and limbs of pedestrians, owing to their present insecure condition against accidents.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had passed a bill entitled " A Supplement to an Ordinance, approved January 29, 1855," entitled, " An Ordinance to provide for the payment of expenses incurred in the laying of pipes for the conveyance of water in and through the streets of the city."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Also,

Informed that they had passed a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned."

Which was read, and, on motion of

Mr. Pomeroy,

Postponed and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Council

Then resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City, to pay upon terms herein mentioned, for certain work performed by virtue of a certain contract."

The same having been passed, but subsequently a reconsideration of the vote by which the first section was adopted.

Section first being under consideration,

Mr. Verree

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed.

On this question, the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Moran and Bumm.

And being ordered, were as follows :

District of Spring Garden, with a resolution annexed, which they have passed:

Resolved, That the report of the Auditor appointed to audit the accounts of the Register of Gas of the late District of Spring Garden, together with the books and papers appertaining to the same, be referred to the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works for investigation and final adjustment, and the Committee be discharged.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Verree

Moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill for the extension of gas pipes was lost, and

On the motion being agreed to,

Mr. Randall

Moved that the bill be laid on the table.

On this question the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Abbey and Larzalere.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Andress, Berry, Balch, Binder, Boswell, Cresswell, Corlies, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Gray, Griscom, Gay, Graeff, Horn, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Mercer, Moran, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Shuster, Taylor, Verree.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbey, Butcher, Cowell, Conrad, Grove, Larzalere, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 42; nays 7.

Which was agreed to.

Council then resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "A Supplement to an ordinance approved January 30th, 1855, entitled 'An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia.'"

Mr. Giller

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed.

And after some time had been spent in discussion,

Mr. Balch

Moved the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising :

Messrs. Balch, Berry, Boswell, Corlies, Cresswell, Dennis, Gibson, Gratz, Mercer, and Moran.

The question being, shall the main question be now put ?

It was agreed to.

The main question being on agreeing to the postponement of the bill,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Address and Smith.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Berry, Bishop, Balch, Bumm, Boswell, Copeland, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dougherty, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Green, Gratz, Graeff, Houseman, Horn, Hacker, Hoppel, Larzalere, Mercer, Manuel, Magarge, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Preston, Read, Randall, Verree, Diehl, *President*.

NAYS—Messrs. Address, Binder, Dennis, Dubree, Gay, Hoffman, Hilles, Hassinger, Martien, Matthews, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Taylor, Wagner.

Yeas 38 ; nays 17.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Hacker

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of offering a bill, and,

On the motion being agreed to,

Presented (in place) a bill, entitled “ An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay for the gold used in the ma-

nufacture of certain medals, and for the balance due for the workmanship of the same."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Gratz

Moved that the regular order of business be further suspended, for the purpose of offering a bill, and,

On the motion being agreed to,

Presented (in place) a bill entitled "An Ordinance making an appropriation to John Ritterson, police officer, for injuries sustained in the discharge of his duties."

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

Section first was agreed to.

Section second was agreed to.

The title was agreed to,

And the bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then, by special order, read a third time and passed.

Select Council concurred.

Mr. Boswell

Moved that the regular order of business be further suspended.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Moved that the Select Council be invited to attend in this chamber, this afternoon, at the presentation of a medal to Captain Low, for meritorious conduct in rescuing the passengers and crew of the steamer San Francisco.

Which was agreed to.

Select Council

Informed this Council that they had passed a bill entitled "Joint Resolutions authorizing the contract for or purchase of fire engines and apparatus."

Whereas, In consequence of a number of the Fire Companies refusing to accept the provisions of an Ordinance for their regulation; and, whereas, by the action of said Companies, parts of the city have not sufficient apparatus for the extinguishment of fires. Therefore,

Resolved, That if Fire Companies consisting of at least thirty men of good moral character, willing to conform to the Ordinances of the City, shall be organized in sections of the City where Councils shall deem it expedient to establish such companies, then the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, under the supervision of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, shall furnish them with apparatus of such kind as may be necessary for extinguishing fires. Provided, that the number of companies shall not exceed six.

Also,

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer is hereby authorized to purchase three thousand feet of hose, to be distributed in such places as most need protection.

Which was read, and

The question being on having the same read a second time,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Pomeroy and Abbey.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Bishop, Balch, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Dennis, Gratz, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hilles,

Mr. Gratz

Moved that Council do now proceed to the consideration of the amendment made by this Chamber to the bill, entitled "An Ordinance for the regulation of Omnibuses."

And on the motion being agreed to,

Moved that this Council do recede from their amendment.

Which was agreed to.

So Common Council receded from their amendment.

Mr. Copeland,

From the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following report:

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City, to pay certain damages assessed for the opening of streets."

SAMUEL COPELAND,
Chairman.

O. P. CORNMAN,
CHARLES HUBBARD,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
NATHAN HILLES,
ALGERNON S. ROBERTS,
THOS. T. BUTCHER,
C. J. HOFFMAN.

Committee Room, May 3, 1855.

Which was read, when

Mr. Abbey

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed.

Which was agreed to.

Also, the following:

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., report two resolutions directing the new paving and re-paving of certain streets asked for, and recommended by the Department of Highways.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL COPELAND,
Chairman.

ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
O. P. CORNMAN,
CHARLES HUBBARD,
THOS. T. BUTCHER,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
NATHAN HILLES,
C. J. HOFFMAN,

Committee Room, May 2, 1855.

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be and are hereby authorized and directed to cause the following streets to be paved, to wit:

Reed street, from Seventh street to Passyunk Road.

Hay street, from Sixth street to Seventh street.

Fitzwater street, from Fifteenth street to Eighteenth street.

Dickinson street, from Seventh street to Eighth street.

Eleventh street, from Federal street to County Prison.

Fifth street, from Morris street to Mifflin street.

Ninth street, from Federal street to Passyunk Road.

Twenty-first street, from Chestnut street to Spruce street.

Parrish street, from Twenty-second street to Twenty-fourth street.

Wood street, from Nineteenth to Twentieth, and from Twenty-first to Twenty-third streets.

Carlisle street, from Parrish street to Poplar street.

Ogden street, from Carlisle street to Fifteenth street.

Girard Avenue, from Eleventh to Twelfth street, south side.

Girard Avenue, from Thirteenth street to Broad street.

Ontario street, from Girard Avenue to Carroll street.

Green street, from Twenty-second street to Twenty-fifth street.

Jefferson street, from Tenth street to Eleventh street.

Tenth street, from Jefferson street south to present paving.

Twenty-third street, from Coates street to Parrish street.

Clinton street, from Poplar street to Girard Avenue.

Jackson street, from Brown street to Parrish street.

Charlotte street, from Franklin Avenue to Master street.

Franklin Avenue, from Third street, to Apple street.

Jefferson street, from Second street to Germantown Road.

Sixth street, from Montgomery street to Somerset street.

Huntingdon street, from Frankford Road to Kensington Avenue.

Front street, from Montgomery street to Harrison street.

Germantown Road, from present paving to Susquehanna Avenue.

Huston street, from Duke street to West street.

Dauphin street, from Superior street to Front street.

Horstman street, from Johnson's Lane to Reed street.

Provided, That no street shall be commenced until the water pipes are laid therein.

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be directed to re-pave the following streets, to wit:

Mead street, from Front to Swanson street.

Shippen street, from Twelfth to Thirteenth street.

Chancery Lane, from Arch street to Combs' Alley.

St. James street, from Sixth street west two hundred feet.

Queen street, from Shackamaxon to Marlborough street.

Sutherland street, from Christian to Queen street.

Nectarine street, from Eighth to Eleventh street.

Which was read, and on motion of

Mr. Pomeroy,

The further reading and consideration of the same postponed.

The officers and members of Select Council then entered the chamber, and the President of Common Council presented the medal to Captain Low, with appropriate remarks, after which they retired.

Mr. Copeland,

From the Committee on Highways, &c., presented the following:

To the Select and Common Councils:

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to declare Broad street, from the Germantown and Norristown Railroad to the Germantown Road, open for public use, and to make an appropriation to pay certain parties the damages to be incurred by them by such opening.

SAMUEL COPELAND,
Chairman.

ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
CHARLES HUBBARD,
O. P. CORNMAN,
THOS. T. BUTCHER,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
C. J. HOFFMAN,
NATHAN HILLES.

Committee Room, May 3, 1855.

Mr. Pomeroy

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the same be postponed.

Which was agreed to.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways report that they have had under consideration the selection of a plan to submit to Councils, for their approval, for the bridge authorized to be constructed over the River Schuylkill, at Chestnut street, by act of Assembly, passed March 27th, 1852.

Your Committee were anxious to present a design embracing great strength, without the necessity of having piers, and also as free as possible from liability to damage by the weather or fire ; these requisites are embraced in the plan drawn by Thomas S. Stewart, Civil Engineer, for a tubular arch bridge of one span, a full description of which by the engineer has already been submitted.

In arriving at this conclusion, your Committee has been sustained by the opinion of gentlemen well known as able engineers, who, after carefully examining the plan and report of Mr. Stewart, gave a decided approval of the principles and materials as designed.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the resolutions annexed.

SAMUEL COPELAND,
Chairman.

NATHAN HILLES,
CHAS. HUBBARD,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
J. N. MARSELIS,
B. R. MILLER,
O. P. CORNMAN.
P. A. KEYSER.

Committee Room, May 3, 1855.

Resolved, That the plan presented by Thos. S. Stewart, Civil Engineer, for a tubular arch bridge of one span, be adopted for the bridge to be constructed over the River Schuylkill, at Chestnut street, as provided for by act of Assembly, approved March 27th, 1852.

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to have specifica-

tions and proposals for the construction of said bridge prepared, and submit the same to Councils for their approval.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Pomeroy, postponed.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the construction of a culvert in Queen street, from Ash to Wood street, in the Eighteenth Ward."

SAMUEL COPELAND,

Chairman.

O. P. CORNMAN,
NATHAN HILLES,
CHARLES HUBBARD,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
J. N. MARSELIS,
B. R. MILLER,
P. A. KEYSER.

Committee Room, May 3, 1855.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Pomeroy, postponed.

Also, the following :

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Highways, &c., beg leave to submit the accompanying bill, entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the width of the cartway in certain streets."

SAMUEL COPELAND,

Chairman.

O. P. CORNMAN,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
CHARLES HUBBARD,
THOS. T. BUTCHER,
JOHN A. HOUSEMAN,
C. J. HOFFMAN,
NATHAN HILLES.

Committee Room, May 3, 1855.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Verree, postponed.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that when this Council adjourns, it adjourns to meet on Monday morning next, at 9 o'clock.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Boswell

Moved that the regular order of business be suspended for the purpose of offering a resolution.

And on the motion being agreed to,

Offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of Common Council are due, and are hereby tendered to John H. Diehl, Esq., for the impartial, efficient and courteous manner in which he has discharged his duties as the presiding officer of this body during the past year; and in retiring from the position which he has so well and faithfully filled, he carries with him the best wishes of his fellow-members, without political distinction, for his long-continued health and happiness.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the resolution.

And the question being on agreeing to the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill and Green.

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Berry, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Griseom, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Preston, Read,

Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Taylor, Verree, Wagner.

Yeas 60 ; nays 0.

Agreed to unanimously.

Mr. Griscom

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council be, and are hereby tendered to Messrs. John M. Riley, Chief Clerk, and Christopher W. Steel and John Q. Adams, his assistants, for the very able, prompt and obliging manner in which they have discharged the duties of their several positions.

On motion,

Council proceeded to the second reading and consideration of the bill.

And the question being on agreeing to the same,

The yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill and Verree.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Andress, Austin, Bishop, Bumm, Binder, Butcher, Boswell, Copeland, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Crispin, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Gibson, Giller, Griscom, Gillingham, Gay, Green, Houseman, Hoffman, Horn, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hilles, Hassinger, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Powell, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Preston, Read, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Taylor, Verree, Wagner.

Yeas 59 ; nays 0.

Agreed to unanimously.

Mr. Martien

Offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are due to E.

J. Fox as Messenger, and J. Zimmerman as Sergeant-at-Arms, for the faithful and efficient performance of their duties.

Which was read twice and unanimously agreed to.

The following message was received from the Mayor :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Phila., May 3d, 1855. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—I have this day approved and signed the following bills, viz. :

An Ordinance entitled “ An Ordinance to provide for the granting of Building Permits. ”

An Ordinance entitled “ An Ordinance to regulate the manner of paving streets in the City of Philadelphia, and to provide for the payment of the expense thereof. ”

An Ordinance entitled “ An Ordinance providing for the granting of permits to make openings into the Common Sewers. ”

A Resolution entitled “ A Resolution relative to the vacating of Oak street, from Crammond to Mansion street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward. ”

An Ordinance entitled “ An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the Poor, for the purpose of paying expenses incurred in the support of the poor in the Borough of Manayunk. ”

An Ordinance entitled “ An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts out of the Franklin Legacy fund, for the purpose of loaning the same as herein mentioned. ”

An Ordinance entitled “ An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts for the purposes therein named, and to authorize and require him to make certain investments. ”

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and cleansing the City, to pay certain claims therein mentioned for work performed by virtue of certain contracts."

R. T. CONRAD,
Mayor.

Which was read and laid on the table.

On motion of

Mr. Gibson,

Council then resumed the consideration of the bill presented by Mr. O'Neill (in place) on the 5th of April last, entitled "An Ordinance for reducing the expenses of the Government of the City of Philadelphia."

And after some time spent in the discussion of the same,

Mr. Martien

Moved that the further reading and consideration of the bill be postponed.

Which was agreed to.

The President

Laid before Councils a communication from S. Morris Waln & Co., relative to an assignment of a certain claim upon the City of Nathaniel Knowles & Co., and asking that provision may be made for the payment of the same.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Dougherty

Presented one of similar tenor from Charles Gilpin and St. George Tucker Campbell, Esqrs., attorneys for Messrs. Dobbin and Warfield, and Messrs. Lewis and Butler.

Which was also laid on the table.

Select Council

Informs this Council that they have passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That gas lamps be placed in High street, in Germantown, provided the property-owners pay for the gas consumed therein.

Which was read twice and passed.

So Common Council concurred.

Mr. Gibson

Moved that Council do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Adjourned.

Attest :

J. M. RILEY,
Clerk.

MONDAY, May 7th, 1855.

Council met, pursuant to adjournment.—Present,

Messrs. Abbey,
Austin,
Berry,
Bumm,
Butcher,
Boswell,
Cowell,
Cresswell,
Conrad,
Corlies,
Dunk,
Davenport,
Dennis,
Dougherty,
Dubree,
Eastwick,
Gibson,
Giller,
Grove,
Gray,
Griscom,
Gay,
Green,
Gratz,
Houseman,
Hoffman,
Hacker,
Hubbard,

Messrs. Hoppel,
Hassinger,
Laws,
Lloyd,
Larzalere,
Mercer,
Moran,
Martien,
Matthews,
Manuel,
Magarge,
Norton,
Newell,
O'Neill,
Pomeroy,
Parham,
Painter,
Preston,
Read,
Randall,
Roberts,
Stuart,
Scheetz,
Shuster,
Smith,
Verree,
Wagner,
Diehl, *President*.

Mr. Giller

Moved that this Council do now stand adjourned without day.

And on the motion demanded the yeas and nays.

Which being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbey, Austin, Berry, Bumm, Butcher, Boswell, Cowell, Cresswell, Conrad, Corlies, Dunk, Davenport, Dennis, Dougherty, Dubree, Eastwick, Gibson, Giller, Grove, Gray, Griscom, Gay, Green, Gratz, Houseman, Hoffman, Hacker, Hubbard, Hoppel, Hassinger, Laws, Lloyd, Larzalere, Mercer, Moran, Martien, Matthews, Manuel, Magarge, Norton, Newell, O'Neill, Pomeroy, Parham, Painter, Preston, Read, Randall, Roberts, Stuart, Scheetz, Shuster, Smith, Verree, Wagner, Diehl, *President*.

Yeas 56 ; nays 0.

Before announcing the result of the vote,

The President

Addressed the Council in a neat and appropriate address.

After which, he declared the Council stood adjourned without day.

Attest:

J. M. RILEY,
Clerk.

APPENDIX

TO THE

JOURNAL OF COMMON COUNCIL.

APPENDIX No. 1.

To the Select and Common Councils :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned Select Committee appointed to investigate the subject of Steam Fire Engines, respectfully report, having made inquiry by which they learned the efficiency and utility of engines worked by steam for extinguishing fires; yet, with all the statistical information, your committee deemed the subject of such importance as to require the most searching investigation; we therefore visited Cincinnati, Ohio, by which we had the opportunity of practical demonstration.

In making our report upon this subject, we are aware of the popular prejudice to be encountered in this city, growing out of the long established organization of our voluntary fire department, which we are free to admit, is second to none other established on a similar basis.

That our firemen are deserving of the highest praise for the energy and self-sacrificing disposition they have always evinced to save the lives and property of our citizens, hence the object of our investigation is more for the purpose of considering the apparatus used, than the organization of the department—though we believe that very great change is needed in this particular, in consequence of the shameful abuses of this laudable enterprise—but this committee do not feel warranted in

taking the responsibility of suggesting so important a matter, as that was not the purpose for which they were appointed.

At the time of the organization of the present system, and until recently, our fire apparatus was not only superior to any other in the country, but fully adequate to all the demands our utmost necessities required; but in consequence of the change in style of building, which at the present is of much more extensive character, especially as regards the height to which they are carried, renders it indispensably necessary that some change should be made in the apparatus for protecting property against conflagration.

Whether engines shall be worked by men or steam, is a question for the necessities of the case to settle. That we need greater power in many cases is admitted, and until some new discovery shall have been made, it is evident that machines cannot be constructed with sufficient power (when worked by men) to meet the exigencies of the case, under circumstances such as occur in extensive conflagrations, in such parts of the city as are built up with houses of modern style, while in other places the present engines worked as they now are, will, under proper control, prove as efficient as they have done, and will be indispensable as a part of our fire department.

The superiority of engines worked by steam, must be obvious to every one, from the fact that they are more powerful, throw a much larger body of water with greater force, and that in continuous streams.

One fact must have been noticed by every one who has witnessed the working of our present engines, that when buildings of great height have been on fire, the water thrown on them has been merely the spray, which, by action of the heat, is immediately condensed and changed to steam, which, if it does not increase the flame, at least does not diminish it, therefore, such places or parts of buildings must consume; and in working an engine under such pressure, it is utterly impossible for men to continue labor but for a very short time, hence they must cease playing, and the fire rages for a time without interruption.

The zeal and rivalry of our firemen stimulates them to exertions greater than they are able to endure, and in very many cases ruins their constitutions and lays the foundation of disease, which results in premature death. All such facts are

well know and greatly lamented, hence the inquiry of every philanthropist should be, cannot these things be remedied by adopting something that will relieve from such excessive labor and consequent fatal results, compared with which financial considerations are nothing; as protection of health and preservation of morals should be our primary object, in order to secure the happiness and safety of our fellow citizens. In witnessing the operations of the Steam Fire Engines of Cincinnati, your committee were convinced that the necessities of the people can be met, and most of the evils avoided.

Through the kindness of Miles Greenwood, Esq., Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of Cincinnati, your committee were favored with opportunity for thorough investigation of the apparatus, as well as the working of the entire department. Having been invited by Mr. Greenwood, we proceeded to the house where the steam engines are kept. After examining the machines, (of which they have two,) we found them in readiness, (as they are always kept,) water in the tank, fuel in the fire-box, the horses harnessed and the men in waiting. The torch was applied to the fuel, horses attached and we proceeded in a fast trot to a point about half a mile distant, and in nine minutes from the time of applying the fire, water was being drawn from a reservoir and thrown upon the Mechanics' Institute, a building 116 feet high, through a nozzle one inch and a quarter. The engine referred to is named the Citizens' Gift, it having been purchased by private subscription, at a cost of \$10,000. It is large, and weighs about — tons, but is easily drawn by four horses, and can be driven by steam when desired. It plays six streams, and works the whole number with as much ease as one. The water was thrown with such force and constancy as to render it impossible for a fire to continue under its deluging force.

At a signal given by one tap of the City Bell, the remainder of the department, started for the point at which we had assembled, and in five minutes from the time of the signal being given, the entire department, consisting of twenty-nine different machines, including engines, hose carriages and hook and ladder companies, were on the ground, backed up against the curb.

They were each drawn by two horses, and some of them had come a distance of nearly two miles, showing the most perfect system and arrangement in the department, which can

not fail to receive the approval of this community, as it does of that. Of course the system is not attributable to the character of the apparatus, yet it has done much to suggest the adoption of such an organization. We do not deem it necessary to enter into detail as to the mechanical arrangement of the Steam Fire Engines of Cincinnati, although we took great pains to ascertain the principle of their construction, and especially the highly important and perhaps most peculiar feature, of producing steam so rapidly as to be ready to work in so short a time, and can always be ready to play by the time they reach a fire, though it should only be a few squares distant.

The principle may be applied to engines of almost any size, large or small, and the cost will be in proportion to the dimensions of the engine, ranging, say from four to ten thousand dollars. The cost of running and working such apparatus will be found, by reference to the report of the Cincinnati Fire Department, to be very economical.

During our stay in Cincinnati, we had the opportunity to witness it in operation at a fire which broke out in some old frame houses, situated along side of a lumber yard, affording every opportunity for a large conflagration, but the facility with which the department was directed, and efficiency of the steam fire engine, soon brought the fiery element under subjection, and poured in such a constant and powerful volume of water, as to defy its fury, notwithstanding the locality of the fire was poorly supplied with water, and the steam engine was some 600 feet distant from the fire. After witnessing such experiments, with the unanimous testimony of all with whom we conversed, your committee cannot do less than recommend, that at least two similar engines should be procured immediately for this city, believing, as we do, that an outlay of money for such purpose, would be of great advantage, and meet the approbation of our citizens generally.

We would here state that we saw two engines being constructed in Cincinnati, one being made to order by Mr. Latta, for the City of Boston, the other by Mr. Shank, both of which will pass through our city and we will endeavor to have them tried so they can be witnessed by all who feel an interest in the matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted, with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Joint Select Committee here annexed, be and they are hereby authorized to obtain plans and proposals for two steam fire engines, and report the same to Councils.

B. R. MILLER,
J. HUTCHINSON,
A. M. EASTWICK,
JAS. J. BOSWELL.

APPENDIX No. 2.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 2d, 1854.

To the President and Members of the Select Council :

GENTLEMEN—Your committee to whom was referred the communication from the Board of Health, relative to the removal of the City Hospital, respectfully submit the following :—

That in compliance with our instructions, we have had a conference with the Sanitary Committee of the Board of Health, upon the subject of reference. That for the better protection of the health of the city, the Board of Health have had in contemplation the removal of the City Hospital, now used for contagious and pestilential diseases, from its present location, to a site more remote from the thickly populated part of the city, and have progressed so far, under and by the authority of the Legislature, as to purchase a site in the neighborhood of the Lamb Tavern, which, in the opinion of your committee, is in every respect, suitable for the purposes of said Board, who were prevented from erecting suitable buildings thereon by the restraining powers of the Act of Consolidation. In consequence of your committee being fully impressed with the propriety of consummating the plans of the Board of Health, we deem it inadvisable to enter into any arguments to show the propriety or policy of its removal, which appears to be a question already settled in the public mind. It will, however, remove from the vicinity of a dense population, if not a real, a fancied nuisance, which undervalues property, and prevents such improvements as would be both an ornament and an advantage to that portion of our city, by alarming the fears of the residents in the immediate

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neighborhood. Your committee are informed that the property used as the City Hospital, will, if sold, realize an amount far exceeding the amount that will be required to construct suitable buildings upon the new site, leaving a considerable balance to be received by the City Treasurer, after the expenses for constructing said Hospital shall have been paid.

Your committee taking into consideration the importance of the recommendation of the Board of Health, the advantages to be derived therefrom, beg leave to submit the following preamble and resolution.

JNO. K. KNORR,
JOS. M. THOMAS,
JOHN A. MERCER,
HENRY SHUSTER,
JOHN F. PRESTON,
PETER SHEETS,
I. N. MARSELIS,
CHARLES THOMSON JONES,
O. P. CORNMAN.

APPENDIX No. 3.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred a Resolution from Select Council, requesting information relative to the Rental of the different Station Houses, the amount required for fitting up the same, and the amount due for Lighting the Public Lamps, accompanied with sundry bills, report the same, and ask to have it printed for the use of the members of Councils.

EDW. GRATZ, *Chairman*,
WM. MORAN,
CHAS. M. WAGNER,
O. P. CORNMAN,
HENRY C. PRATT,
WM. S. SMITH,
THOS. BALCH.

Committee Room, December, 14, 1854.

Memoranda of Expense of Rental and Fitting up of Station Houses.

Was.			
1st	To expense of constructing cells outside of building.		\$1,000 00
"	To rent of 1st Ward Station House, per annum,	120 00	
2d	To fitting up Station and constructing cells.		675 00
"	To rent of 2d Ward Station House, per annum.	150 00	
3d	To occupying old Marshal's Station, unfit for police purposes,		
"	To rent of 3d Ward Station House, per annum,	150 00	
4th	To occupying Hancock Hall, unfitted for police.		
"	To rent of 4th Ward Station House, per annum,	250 00	
5th	To Station owned by City, no alteration,*		
6th	To Station owned by City, " " *		
7th	To fitting up Station and constructing cells.		356 00
"	To rent of 7th Ward Station House, per annum.	600 00	
8th	To Station House owned by City, no alteration,*		
9th	To Station House owned by City, " " *		
"	To repairing furnace,		30 00
10th	To fitting up Station House and constructing cells,		760 00
"	To rent of 10th Ward Station, per annum.	250 00	
11th	To fitting up old Mayor's Office for Station,		700 00
12th	To fitting up Station and constructing cells,		400 00
"	To rent of 12th Ward Station House, per annum,	450 00	
13th	To fitting up Station and constructing cells.		550 00
"	To rent of 13th Ward Station, per annum.	300 00	
14th	To fitting up Station and constructing cells,*		257 41
15th	To fitting up Station and constructing cells,		550 00
Carried forward		\$2,270 00	\$5,278 41

	Brought forward.	\$2,270 00	\$5,278 41
Wds.			
15th	To rent of 15th Ward Station, per annum,	275 00	
16th	To fitting up Station and constructing cells,		750 00
"	To rent of 16th Ward Station House, per annum,	200 00	
17th	To fitting up Station and constructing cells,		550 00
"	To rent of 17th Ward Station House, per annum,	200 00	
18th	To fitting up Station and constructing cells,		550 00
"	To rent of 18th Ward Station House, per annum,	200 00	
19th	To fitting up Station and constructing cells,*		65 00
20th	To fitting up Station and constructing cells,*		650 00
21st	To fitting up Station,*		250 00
22d	Provision to be made in New Hall for Station,		
23d	To fitting up Station and constructing cells,*		206 00
24th	Now occupying basement of District Hall, unfit for police purposes,		
	Expense of fitting up Mayor's Office and repairs of cells.		400 00
	Bill for Settees and Mattresses, say,		1,200 00
		\$3,145 00	\$10,519 41

Those Stations marked thus *, are City Property.

Memoranda of Expense for Illuminating the Public Lamps of City of Philadelphia.

<i>Southwark.</i>			
To amount of Pay Roll of Lamplighters for months of September, October and November,	\$975 00	\$975 00	
<i>Moyamensing.</i>			
To amount of Pay Roll of Lamplighters for months of September, October and November,	579 00	579 00	
<i>Old City.</i>			
To amount of Pay Roll of Lamplighters for months of October and November,	1,910 00		
Cresson & Co., repairs to Lamps, as per contract,	250 00		2,160 00
<i>Northern Liberties, or 11th, 12th and 16th Wards.</i>			
To amount of Pay Roll of Lamplighters, from September 26th, 1854, to December 1st, 1854,	285 00		
Peter H. Able's bill for repairing Lamps,	21 80		306 80
<i>Spring Garden, or 13th, 14th and 15th Wards.</i>			
To amount of Pay Roll of Lamplighters, from September 26th, 1854, to December 1st, 1854,	672 00	672 00	
<i>Kensington, or 17th and 18th Wards.</i>			
To amount of Pay Roll for Lamplighters for months of October and November,	1,436 66		
Rowley, Ashburner & Co., bill for Fluid, (two months,)	1,409 57		
To amount of petty bills for repairing Lamps, &c.,	92 25		2,938 48
Carried forward,			\$7,631 28

Brought forward,		\$7,631 28
<i>Penn District, or 20th Ward.</i>		
To amount of Pay Roll of Lamplighters, from September 26th, 1854, to December 1st, 1854,	\$150 00	
John S. Markley's bill for Fluid,	254 87	
		404 87
<i>Richmond, or 19th Ward.</i>		
To amount of Pay Roll to December 1st, 1854,	125 25	125 25
<i>West Philadelphia, or 24th Ward.</i>		
To amount of Pay Roll to December 1st, 1854,	96 00	96 00
<i>Germantown and Frankford.</i>		
Lamplighters employed by old Boroughs,		
		\$8,257 40
Boldin's bills for Oil,		384 20
		\$8,641 60

APPENDIX NO. 4.

To the Select and Common Councils :

The Committee of Visitation to the Girard College for Orphans, for the month of November, respectfully report, that they made two visits to the College during the month, and take pleasure in expressing their entire satisfaction with its condition and management in every department. The discipline which has been introduced into the institution, and which is so judiciously enforced by its able President and his efficient assistants, is, in the opinion of the committee, admirably adapted not only to the proper mental culture, and a correct moral training of the orphans, but also to their physical development and the promotion of their health.

The arrangement of the classes, which, when well made, is so important an auxiliary in the proper government of a school, appears to have been chosen in the College with much judgment. The boys are divided into three schools: the Principal, First Primary, and Second Primary, each embracing instruction in several branches of education; and each school is subdivided into six classes. Here, promotion from lower to higher classes, and schools, is dependent upon improvement in scholarship. There are, besides, monthly divisions of the boys into five grades, according to merit in conduct. The hope of promotion in the classes and grades, which is never denied when it is deserved, it has been found, stimulates

the boys to a more faithful application to their studies, and exerts a happy influence upon their behavior and deportment. And the committee, in witnessing the close, and in some cases, even anxious attention, which the boys give to their lessons, and their orderly and correct demeanor in the school room and out of it, received abundant evidence of the efficiency of the system.

The Professors and other instructors appear to be able and enlightened teachers, thoroughly informed in the branches of education entrusted to them, respectively, and some of them possess, in an eminent degree, the happy faculty of readily imparting knowledge to others. They all apply themselves with an earnestness that cannot be too highly commended, to a faithful discharge of the important duties committed to them, and the committee are led to believe, with a success commensurate with their zeal and ability.

As the only mode of impressing the student's mind, is to teach him to *understand* his subject, that should be the great object of education, and it appears to be fully accomplished by the method of instruction pursued in the College. *There*, it is not sufficient that the student correctly replies to a question, without hesitation or error, in the language of the author he has just read; but he is required, if he be able, to reason and interpret the answer, and if unable to do so correctly, his instructor expounds and illustrates the subject in terms suited to his powers of comprehension. Instruction thus received, is most calculated to make an enduring impression on the mind of the learner—an impression which is rarely, if ever, effaced.

The committee had great satisfaction in observing the assiduity with which the boys addressed themselves to their studies; and they were also highly gratified with the progress which nearly all have made, and the great proficiency which many have attained in them. Although it is not deemed necessary to enter into details, it may, however, be observed, that the readings were generally correct, and the compositions highly creditable, and several of them deserving of much commendation, whilst some of the drawings are beautifully executed, and furnish undeniable evidence of decided talent for the art.

It must not be supposed that any undue restraint is imposed upon the boys, nor that they are too much confined within their class rooms; but, on the contrary, when not engaged

with their lessons, they are permitted as much liberty in their section rooms as is consistent with good order, and are allowed each day ample time for recreation on large play grounds appropriated to them, where they engage in a variety of sports and amusements, invigorating themselves with wholesome exercise in the open air. They appear contented and cheerful, and enjoy a remarkable exemption from disease, there being only a few cases of slight indisposition in the College, but not one of positive sickness. This happy condition of health may be attributed, in some degree, to the discipline of the College, which prescribes a wholesome diet, sufficient exercise, regular hours and cleanliness, which are strictly attended to.

The household economy, too, is well ordered and appointed. There are ample dining rooms, commodious and well ventilated dormitories, and a large lavatory, with the necessary toilet appliances for each boy; and there is also a suitable infirmary, attended by kind, attentive, and skillful nurses. The committee deem it unnecessary to make a further or more particular enumeration of the objects which fall under this head, but will merely observe, that all of them appear to be in the best possible condition, and conducive to the comfort of the orphans.

Considering the important advantages which this institution confers upon those who are permitted to partake of its benefits, and that the orphans educated within its walls are rendered fit to engage in almost any pursuit in life, with the reasonable expectation of becoming honorable and useful members of society, what can be more desirable than to see the sphere of its usefulness enlarged? Can this be done? The number of orphans at present in the college, is three hundred and six. The committee have understood, that by fitting up rooms in the third story of the stone building, for the lodgings of the domestics, accommodations could be provided for the reception of sixty more boys into the college, being an addition of nearly one-fifth of the present number; and it is believed that the cost of maintaining and educating this additional number would not add more than one-sixth to the present annual expense of maintaining the College—that is to say, it would increase the expense from sixty thousand dollars to about seventy thousand dollars per annum. The only other expense attending this movement, would be a present

cost of fitting up rooms, and the purchase of furniture for the additional number of boys, which would not, it is presumed, require a heavy expenditure. Trusting that this object may be speedily accomplished, the committee respectfully invite the attention of the Committee on Girard Estates, and of Councils to the subject, feeling assured that it will receive from them the consideration its importance demands.

The committee, in conclusion, beg to make their acknowledgments to President Allen, and Mr. H. W. Arey, Secretary of the Board of Directors, for the many polite attentions received during their official visits to the College.

GEO. NORTON, *Chairman*,
A. F. HOPPEL,
ANDREW RHOADS,
WM. MORAN,
O. P. CORNMAN,
W. H. STOKES,
JOS. M. COWELL,
ANDREW HAGUE,
HENRY L. SMITH,
PETER F. LAWS

Philadelphia, Dec. 7, 1854.

APPENDIX No. 5.

To the President of the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia:

SIR—The following resolution, certified to me by the Clerk of Common Council, being the result of the joint action of Councils, and involving all the attributes of legislation, seems to demand all its sanctions.

“Resolved, That suitable badges be provided for the members of Select and Common Councils, of the character and description as may be agreed upon by the Committee on Police; and that the said Committee be directed to take measures to carry out the resolution.”

This resolution, like that establishing the Local Committees, under which the main business of government was for a long time, and without the sanction of the law, transacted, has been passed without a title, and, like that, has been regarded as not needing the sanction of the executive of the City. But it is respectfully submitted that, as an important legislative act, passed by both branches of Councils, legislative in all its substantial characteristics, mandatory and controlling very important public interests and results, it requires, under the express provisions of the Act of Consolidation, the sanction of the Mayor, or a constitutional majority of two-thirds of each branch of Councils, to impart to it the legal authority indispensable to its execution.

I sincerely regret that, as the resolution affects, and in my opinion most injuriously, the department over which I have the honor especially to preside—the Police—I am constrained to consider its adoption as inconsistent with the first obligations of the government and the best interests of the City.

Either that resolution does, or it does not, constitute the members of the Select and Common Councils officers of the police. It is proper to consider it under both these constructions.

If it does so constitute them—and it is difficult to imagine any other motive for wearing the badges of the department—

a doubt arises as to its accordance with the Act of Consolidation, which provides (sec. 50) that no member or members of Council, whether as a committee, *or otherwise*, shall perform any executive duty whatever. The present resolution not only confers the power to perform executive duties, but makes the members, in person, the actual and manual executors of their own enactments. That act denies them (sec. 9) the power to appoint a single policeman; this resolution appoints, at once, some five score officers of the police. That act prohibits them from conferring, even upon the worthiest citizens, and under the strictest restraints, the powers here conferred; this resolution presents the Councils as assuming it for themselves. Under the laws and ordinances which govern this branch of the service, the persons to whom police authority is entrusted, are required to assume office under the obligation of an oath, to wear a designated badge and uniform, to conform to certain rules and regulations established by the Mayor, and under those rules and regulations to report themselves at stated hours for duty; to perform, in their turn, regular *tours* of night service; to light and extinguish the street lamps, and generally to perform, under the direction of the Mayor, the Marshal, or other designated officer, the duties necessary to secure the supremacy of the laws and the tranquility of the City. This resolution imposes those duties upon legislative functionaries, who probably contemplated no such service.

The power to enact this resolution being thus doubtful, its expediency is subject to still more serious question. The only advantage which the participants of the privilege conferred can derive from it, is that of becoming members of a body of highly respectable, faithful and efficient public servants, who, while they continue honorably to fulfil the duties of their station, have just reason to be proud of it. Their badge, however, confers no personal privilege of admission to places of public amusement, &c., as is popularly supposed, as the rules prohibit the police from entering them, as officers, except when invoked for the suppression of disorder, or the arrest of criminals. I may add, as the resolution has been commended as increasing the force of the police, that many judicious citizens are of opinion that the service is sufficient in numbers; and there can be no doubt that, if increased, it should only be in such manner as will, beyond question, enhance its efficiency.

The public inconveniencies that must be consequent upon

this measure are conspicuous and unquestionable. The irregular addition to the police of persons who would not, in fact, form a part of the system, must inevitably derange the system. The service needs no additional officers for its command. If the new policemen aspired to such command, they would, of course by the conflict of authority, induce the most fatal disorganization and disorder; if they were content to serve as privates, they could scarcely be relied upon for regular duties, nor be detailed to regular posts; they could not know when, where, nor how their services would be valuable; and their interposition, especially if characterized by a natural assumption of authority, could not fail to be productive of results the least decorous and most disorganizing.

Every enlightened government has deprecated the confusion of executive with legislative powers; and the experiment now proposed is believed to be without a precedent in any system where those powers are clearly distinguished; certainly in none where, as in ours, they are, by a positive and overruling injunction, separated, and their combination emphatically denounced. The duties of the police are engrossing, imperative and important; if assumed in good faith, they would leave the worthy wearer of the police badge neither time nor inclination for legislative duties.

If, however, it is not understood to constitute the members of Councils officers of the police, and the police badge is to be assumed only as an *honorary decoration*, it may not be improper to suggest, that the resolution is unnecessary, as every citizen of this country is at liberty to adopt such a distinction, and that if an act of Councils be deemed desirable to impart to such a decoration the sanction of authority, one more appropriate to the peculiar duties and distinction of legislators, than that borrowed from the police, might probably be selected.

In the absence of any apparent necessity for the proposed measure and inasmuch as the police department has not petitioned for the aid contemplated, I have been forced to the conclusion that it would be an injustice to members of Councils to accumulate, upon their present exalted and exacting duties, those—little less onerous, though much more humble of the police; especially in the absence of clear legal authority and obvious policy.

R. T. CONRAD, *Mayor*.

APPENDIX No. 6.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT CONSOLIDATING THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the several wards of the City of Philadelphia shall hereafter elect but two members each to the Common Council, except that the Twenty-third Ward shall elect three members by general ticket, while of its present extent: *Provided,* That every ward shall have one representative in Common Council for every two thousand taxables therein, and for an excess of one thousand over that number.

SEC. 2. That the First and Second Wards, and so on by consecutive numbers, two wards shall elect but one Guardian of the Poor, one member of the Board of Health, and one Inspector of the Prison: *Provided,* That those wards which have, at the time of any election, separate arrangements for the support of the poor, shall elect no Guardian of the Poor for said city; and if by reason thereof, there be left a single ward without such arrangement, it shall elect one Guardian of the Poor for said city.

SEC. 3. That the City of Philadelphia shall be divided into nine school sections, as follows: In section one shall be the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Wards; in section two, the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Wards; in section three, the Eleventh, Twelfth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Wards; in section four, the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Twentieth Wards; in section five, the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards; in section six, the Twenty-first Ward; in section seven, the Twenty-second Ward; in section eight, the Twenty-third Ward; and in the ninth section shall be the Twenty-fourth Ward, and the Directors of each section shall constitute one Board, and the power of the Board of Controllers to apportion the school houses and distribute the duties of the Directors shall cease.

SEC. 4. That it shall be lawful for the School Directors of each section of the First School District, under such regulations and with such means as the Controllers may prescribe, to form libraries in a convenient number of the public school houses, and to admit adults to read the books therein during

the evenings, and the same to discontinue whenever found insufficiently attended to warrant the care and expense thereof. And it shall be the duty of the Controllers and Directors to invite contributions toward such libraries, and for the Controllers to receive and administer any gifts, bequests and devises which may be made for said object.

SEC. 5. That whenever the Aldermen or Justices of the Peace in any ward shall be reduced to two, under the existing law, and the commissions of one or both of these should expire before any municipal election, the acts of such magistrates shall continue to be valid until such election. Whenever the voters of any ward shall require, by a majority of votes, an additional Alderman, such voters may vote for such additional Alderman at the succeeding municipal or general election, who shall thereupon be duly commissioned as such Alderman. It shall not be lawful for any Alderman or Justice of the Peace in said city to take any fees in criminal or penal cases.

SEC. 6. That the City of Philadelphia shall be divided into twelve districts, and one Surveyor or Regulator be separately appointed for each, to serve for five years from the first day of the present year, who shall elect a President to serve for the same period, and the thirteen shall constitute the Board of Surveyors. The President shall receive a salary of three thousand dollars for all services by him to be performed, and each District Surveyor a salary of five hundred dollars for keeping the public record of surveys, and performing all services as a member of said Board, and such fees as have been usual or shall be established by ordinance. All the public plans of town plots in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions and of the Recorder of Deeds, shall be deposited in the office of the Board of Surveyors, subject to the public inspection without charge. It shall be the duty of Councils, under the supervision of the President of said Board, to cause to be completed by sections, under contract, from time to time, a survey and plans of the city plot not already surveyed or according to the provisions of the laws under which the late District of Spring Garden was surveyed, one copy of which plans, when approved by the Court, shall be filed in the office of said Board, and the other in the office of the proper District Surveyor, and in like manner and with like approval, existing plans may be revised and altered: *Provided*, That no ground be taken for the public use under this act, without compensation as provided by law.

SEC. 7. That it shall not be lawful for any builder or owner hereafter to construct in said City of Philadelphia, (except detached buildings in rural sessions,) any building otherwise than in conformity with the following regulations, to wit: The covering of the roof, the cornice and divisions between houses shall be of an incombustible material; the division wall shall not be less than nine inches in thickness, and as much greater as the District Surveyor or Regulator may certify to be necessary for security, according to the purpose and height of the building, and it shall rise not less than nine inches above the roof. No new dwelling house shall front upon any street, alley or court, which shall be of less width than twenty feet, or without being made to recede, so that such street, alley or court, shall be of that width, the houses on each side equally receding. Every new dwelling house shall also have an open space attached to it in the rear, or at the side, equal to at least twelve feet square, and no building of any kind shall be permitted to be erected on any street, court or alley hereafter to be laid out, of a less width than twenty-five feet, and every builder or owner who shall hereafter build otherwise than as aforesaid, shall pay to the said city one hundred dollars, to be recovered with costs, as debts of that amount may by law be recovered, and shall also be restrained by injunction from so building; or, if having so built, after the passage of this act, from the continuance of such building contrary to the requirements of this act, and shall pay all the expenses of such alterations which the court may decree to be made. It shall be the duty of the Regulator of the proper District to give notice to the City Solicitor of all violations of this act, and if the building be made to conform thereto on notice without suit, one-half the fine shall be abated.

SEC. 8. That whenever Councils shall deem the public exigency to demand it, they may order, by ordinance, any street laid upon any of the public plans of the city to be opened, giving three months' notice thereof to the owner, whereupon any of the owners whose ground will be taken by such street, may forthwith petition the Court of Quarter Sessions for viewers to assess the damages which such owners may sustain by the opening of such street, and if the same be not paid within one year, to sue said city for the recovery thereof: *Provided*, That any such owner may require security to be given by said city for the payment of such damages before his ground shall

be actually taken, and the city may indemnify the persons entering such security, and no proceedings to assess the damages on any street, on such plan, shall lapse by the delay of a year in paying such damages.

SEC. 9. That it shall be lawful for said city to construct any bridges that may be necessary to carry any street or highway at the proper grade, across any ravine or stream therein: *Provided*, That no bridge over the Schuylkill shall be built south of Walnut street by authority of this act.

SEC. 10. That it shall be lawful for said city to acquire, by purchase, the relinquishment of all tolls on all bridges, turn-pikes and plank roads, so far as constructed within said city, and if the companies owning the same and the city cannot agree, for the latter to obtain a jury of view, as in the case of roads or highways, to assess the value thereof, subject to the approval of the Court of Quarter Sessions, as to the amount of such valuation.

SEC. 11. That the City of Philadelphia shall be liable for all suits pending or to be brought for all contracts or torts, in the same manner as the superceded municipal corporations were liable before the enlargement of the boundaries of said city; and said city may be made party to pending suits, by motion in court or agreement of the City Solicitor.

SEC. 12. That the City of Philadelphia shall provide rooms for the accommodation of the juries of all the courts, and thereafter no empannelled jury shall be permitted to go to any tavern or hotel. The said city shall also provide adequate court rooms for the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania when sitting in said city, and pay the tipstaves and crier thereof at such rate per day during their actual service, as said court may fix.

SEC. 13. All the public advertising for said city, whether for elections, taxes, claims or otherwise, shall be inserted in no more than three newspapers, nor more than six times in each, nor shall there be paid for the same any greater rates than those advertised in such paper to be paid by citizens, and the Controller shall pass no bill for advertising otherwise done. The charge for advertising delinquent tax-payers shall not exceed thirty cents for all advertising of each name, which shall be payable by the person liable for the tax; but if any names of persons shall be advertised as delinquent in the payment of taxes that had been paid, the Receiver shall pay the expense thereof.

SEC. 14. That as soon as the City Commissioners shall place the duplicates of taxes in the hands of the Receiver, he shall cause his Clerks to make out bills against the tax-payers in the intervals of calls upon them to receive taxes, so that all persons indebted for taxes may have their bills by the first day of July in each year, and the same to be delivered at a cost of not exceeding one cent for all persons served within two miles of the office, and one and a half cents for all more distant for making such delivery, the expense whereof shall be charged to the city: *Provided*, That all properties owned by one person, or belonging to any one estate in any one ward, shall be included in the same bill.

SEC. 15. That it shall not be lawful for the Receiver of Taxes to place any warrant against delinquent tax-payers into the hands of any Constable, until such Constable shall have given security, by bond and warrant, with two sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the Court of Quarter Sessions, in the sum of five thousand dollars, nor have in the hands of any Constable, at any one time, warrants for a greater amount of taxes than the amount of such bond, and such Constable shall make report and payment of all his collections on such warrants, at least once in every week after they shall have been issued to him; and all taxes unpaid on the first day of January, after the year for which they were assessed, shall bear interest until paid, besides the commissions thereon for collection.

SEC. 16. That every Alderman or Constable who shall not have made report and payment over to the Receiver of Taxes of all taxes received by him for each successive month after he shall have received any taxes or warrants to collect taxes, shall be proceeded against, as is provided by law, in respect to delinquent tax-collectors under the act of the twenty-eighth day of February, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, a supplement to the act relating to county rates, et cetera, except that the certificate therein required to be filed by the County Commissioners, shall be filed by the Receiver of Taxes, the Treasurer and Controller of the City of Philadelphia, or a majority of them.

SEC. 17. That any Alderman or Constable who shall have made default on the payment over of any taxes collected by him as required by law, shall cease to be authorized to receive any more taxes, and notice thereof shall be published by the Receiver of Taxes in three daily papers six times, nor shall he be capable of drawing any salary or other dues from the city,

until he shall have fully paid up the amount of his collections, and that without deduction of commissions, which shall be forfeited by any delinquency as aforesaid.

SEC. 18. That it shall not be lawful to draw any moneys out of the City Treasury for any entertainment, eating, drinking, or smoking furnished to any members of the City Corporation or any of its departments, and every order drawn for expenses of every department of the public service, shall contain the declaration that no part thereof has been so used, and it shall be lawful for the City Controller to administer an oath or affirmation to any person presenting a bill against the city as to its accuracy, the prices actually paid or contracted to be paid, whether others and who are interested therein, and as to whatsoever matter he may deem needful to protect the interests of the city.

SEC. 19. That no contract for the construction of any new building, school house, bridge, culvert, new paving of streets, redemption of the tolls of any bridge, turnpike or plank road to be paid for by the city, shall become binding thereon, without an ordinance therefor, duly enacted.

SEC. 20. That no appropriation shall be made of the moneys of the city without an ordinance therefor, expressing the objects thereof, and the amount appropriated for each object. It shall be the duty of the Mayor to keep a register of the amount and objects of all appropriations, and to withhold his signature for all new constructions and redemption of tolls as aforesaid, until all the interest accruing on the loans of the city and the principal of those becoming due, and the ordinary and necessary expenses of the city and the administration of justice in the county shall be adequately provided for. It shall be a misdemeanor in office for the Mayor to sign any ordinance making an appropriation of the moneys of the city for any object not authorized by law, and for the Controller of the city to pass, or the Treasurer of the city to pay, any bill or order for any object not authorized by law.

SEC. 21. That it shall be the duty of the City of Philadelphia, as rapidly as purchasers can be procured, without a sacrifice of price, to make sale and conveyance of the public halls, lots and real estate vested in said city not held upon any trust, and not required for authorized public purposes, and to apply the proceeds in discharge of the city debts, and if ground rents be reserved, to sell and convey the same for said purpose.

APPENDIX No. 7.

To the Select Council of the City of Philadelphia :

The Commissioners of the Northern Liberties, in the year 1838, enacted certain ordinances with a view to raise funds for the purpose of lighting that District with gas, which funds were committed to the hands of Trustees. By the joint application of the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Trustees, an act of incorporation was obtained in 1844 from the Legislature of the State, sanctioning this trust in its several powers and privileges. This act of incorporation requires of the Trustees an annual statement of their receipts and expenditures to be made to the Board of Commissioners, at their stated meeting in January. As the rights and privileges of the Board of Commissioners of the Northern Liberties are transferred to the Councils of the City, by an Act passed January 31st, 1854, consolidating the several Districts and City, the Trustees present to you the following statement of their receipts and expenditures for the last year, adding thereto the expenditure of capital prior to that period :

EXPENDITURES.

For Works—

As per last report, - - -	\$153,175 13	
During 1854, - - -	3,955 59	
	<hr/>	\$157,130 72

For Street Mains—

As per last report, - - -	\$48,497 78	
During 1854, - - -	4,072 31	
	<hr/>	52,570 09

For Services—

As per last report, - - -	\$24,379 19	
During 1854, - - -	5,321 67	
	<hr/>	29,700 86

For Meters—

As per last report, - - -	\$22,022 72	
During 1854, - - -	2,852 50	
	<hr/>	24,875 22

For Real Estate—

As per last report, - - - -	29,656 28	
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\$293,933 17

<i>For Coal,</i>	-	-	-	-	\$65,148 09	
Repairs, salaries, wages, &c.,					45,447 15	
					<u> </u>	\$110,595 24

RECEIPTS.

<i>For Gas Sold,</i>	-	-	-	-	\$80,646 37	
Coke, tar, lime, &c.,				-	6,837 23	
					<u> </u>	\$87,483 60

As it was the design of the Board of Commissioners, in the enactments authorizing this trust, to hold the power of purchasing these works, sanctioned by the Legislature of the State in granting, subsequently, certain chartered rights to the Trustees, a report was required that the Board of Commissioners might be informed of the progress of those interests, to be placed finally, if desired, under their entire control.

While these rights of conversion of the property held by the Trustees under the contract made between the Board of Commissioners and the Trustees of the Gas Works, does not occur until the year 1865, it is a part of the arrangement that the management of the funds should be committed to Trustees chosen in equal numbers by the Stockholders and the Board of Commissioners. This part of the duty of the Board of Commissioners has been regularly fulfilled, and hereafter in the month of May of each year, the Councils will appoint Trustees to aid in the management of the concern. This specific condition of the trust, has secured to the citizens an intimate acquaintance with its affairs, and thus while the money was raised by granted privileges on the one hand, the control of the expenditure of the money raised has been to a great extent in the hands of the citizens.

The expenditure of money in this enterprise was done with many misgivings, as to its profitable return, and it required much legislation and considerable grants to draw from capitalists the necessary amount. Nor were these fears groundless, for the conditions of the privilege to use the streets were found in some respects to interfere so seriously with success, as to render doubtful, for a long while, whether an ordinary interest might be sustained. The Trustees have, nevertheless, carefully fulfilled the conditions of the trust, though onerous, hoping through economy and good management to overcome every obstacle.

After years of trying experience, these efforts have proved successful, and were the time now expired, as contemplated in 1865, the Trustees would have the pleasure of presenting to Councils a highly prosperous condition of affairs.

From the commencement, the policy of the Trustees has been to secure to the stockholders a just remuneration merely, and to give to the consumers, in extensions and cheapened price, the benefit of their success. In pursuance of this policy they have reduced the price of gas to consumers, at various times, from three $\frac{5.00}{100}$ dollars to two $\frac{7.00}{100}$ dollars per thousand cubic feet, a price below that charged in any other city except this, and as low as gas light of satisfactory brilliancy can be furnished. Where the material of which the light is manufactured is as high as in our eastern cities and with the ordinary fluctuations of price, it will be found unsafe to vary much from this, with justice to the stockholder and consumer.

The pipes have now been extended through almost every portion of the Northern Liberties, and no application for laying them, for the last three years, has been denied.

The capacity of the works is equal to an ample supply of the northern portion of the Consolidated City, and already the gas is sent nearly to the extreme northern boundaries of Frankford.

The economy of expenditure has been such as to accomplish all this with the sum of \$293,933 17, but the Trustees contemplate such measures as will meet the increasing demand for the light. Nothing need be said to Councils of its preference in brilliancy, cleanliness, convenience and cheapness, to every other kind of light; and the Trustees are confident that the gas manufactured at these works will compare favorably, in quality, with the article from any other establishment.

In the extent of the works for manufacture, and their capacity for storage, as well as their cost and success, the Trustees feel great satisfaction, and until the last year nothing has interfered materially with the prosecution of the business. The trouble has been entirely of a pecuniary kind, arising from the non-payment of bills for gas consumed for public purposes, in the streets, and public buildings.

Although charged at a greatly reduced price, as a condition of the privileges granted, there is now due by the city and unpaid, the sum of \$30,079 52. In consequence of this, the Trustees have been under the necessity of issuing their obliga-

tions for materials purchased, and the expenditure, as will be seen by the foregoing statement, is thereby increased much beyond their income. This, however, would not have occasioned so much inconvenience had the Trustees not made large engagements, based upon the appropriations of Councils, which were rescinded immediately prior to the time of payment therein named.

The Trustees respectfully solicit of Councils some immediate action regarding these bills, as further delay must still more embarrass them in their operations.

JOSEPH REAKIRT, *President*.

Attest—C. B. DUNGAN, *Secretary*.

Philadelphia, January 3d, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 8.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia :

The Directors of the Girard College for Orphans respectfully submit their

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The number of orphans receiving instruction and maintenance in the Girard College, and recorded on its catalogue at the date of the last Annual Report, was three hundred and five. Since that period, thirty-three of its pupils have been apprenticed to suitable trades or occupations, under the ordinance passed by Councils for that purpose ;—within the same time, the indentures of fifteen orphans have been cancelled, at the request of their respective mothers, or next friends, who have suitably provided for them ; and nine boys have been removed from the College, for reasons which rendered such a separation needful.

During the past year three of the orphans of the College have been removed by death, namely—

John Arrison, who died May 16th.

William Drew, who died September 23d.

Evans B. Moore, who died September 25th.

Since the date of the last Annual Report, fifty-nine orphans, all of whom were born in the city of Philadelphia, and who had been previously examined and recommended by the Committee of Admission, have been admitted as pupils of the Institution.

The whole number of orphans now partaking of the benefits of the Girard College, and registered on its catalogue, is three hundred and four. Of this number, 285 were born in the city of Philadelphia, and nineteen in other parts of the State of Pennsylvania.

With some few unimportant modifications, the instruction and discipline of the College continue to be administered in the way and manner indicated in the last Annual Report, without any change in the officers.

Beginning with Primary Department, No. 2, which embraces the pupils of the lowest attainments, there were at the commencement of the present year, one hundred and eleven pupils belonging to it; since that period, fifty-nine pupils have been admitted; forty-eight promoted to Primary Department, No. 1; one apprenticed, two withdrawn by mothers, or next friends, and one removed; making the whole number of pupils at this time in this Department, one hundred and seventeen. These are divided into six classes—and the following table exhibits the average age and proficiency of the respective classes for the past year.

CLASSES.					Spelling.	Reading.	Arithmetic.	Writing.	Definition.	Average.	AVERAGE AGE.		
Class A,	-	-	-	-	5.86	6.03	7.86	5.46	8.23	6.69	10 years, 3 months.		
" B,	-	-	-	-	4.93	5.64	6.76	5.48		5.70	9	"	8
" C,	-	-	-	-	3.31	4.78	5.51	3.16		4.19	9	"	3
" D,	-	-	-	-	4.51	4.05	3.90	2.56		3.75	8	"	8
" E,	-	-	-	-	3.12	3.51	1.53			2.72	8	"	8
" F,	-	-	-	-	3.40	2.46				2.93	7	"	9
Total,	-	-	-	-	4.19	4.41	5.11	4.16	8.23	4.33	39 years, 0 months.		

At the commencement of the year 1854, the number of pupils belonging to Primary Department, No. 1, was one hundred and five. Within that period forty-eight have been received from Primary Department, No. 2. Six have been

removed from the Institution ; two apprenticed to trades ; two whose indentures have been cancelled, and two have died ; there is also one of its pupils employed about the College premises, waiting to be bound out ; making the whole number of pupils at present in this Department, ninety-seven.

The following is the tabular exhibit of the average age and scholarship of the six classes into which this department is divided for the past year.

CLASSES.	Spelling.	Reading.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	Etymology.	History.	Algebra.	Average.	AVERAGE AGE.
Class A, - -	7.88	6.37	7.07	6.38	7.64	6.47	6.55	7.42	6.27	6.91	12 yrs. 8 mos.
" B, - -	7.80	6.08	6.78	6.19	6.25	6.87	6.37	6.57	5.97	6.60	12 " 6 "
" C, - -	6.04	6.44	6.80	7.46	7.54	6.86	7.25	5.98		6.80	12 " 6 "
" D, - -	6.25	6.42	6.30	6.53	5.95	5.96	6.97			6.31	11 " 11 "
" E, - -	5.56	6.06	6.03	6.51	6.76	7.05	7.13			6.44	11 " 3 "
" F, - -	5.19	5.88	5.76	4.54	6.34	6.15	6.44			5.76	10 " 9 "
Total, - -	6.45	6.19	6.45	6.27	6.74	6.56	6.78	6.65	6.12	6.47	11 yrs. 10 mos.

In the Principal Department of the College, it has been found from the practical experience of the past year, that the plan of combining the duties of teacher and prefect, did not result so favorably as had been anticipated ; it has accordingly been abandoned, and the Teachers in this Department are now giving their whole time and attention to their specific and appropriate duties, whilst the administration of the discipline out of school, is in the hands of the prefects.

At the commencement of the past year, there were in the Principal Department, eighty-nine pupils. In the course of the year forty-three pupils have been added to the School by promotion from the Primary Department, and forty-two have been removed. Of these last, thirty-two have gone out to suitable trades or occupations ; seven have had their indentures cancelled ; two have been removed from the College, and one has died. The Department accordingly consists at the present time of ninety members.

The following schedule exhibits the average standing for the year 1854, of the several classes of the Principal Department, with the respective Teachers.

CLASSES.							AVERAGE AGE.	
	English.	Mathematics.	Drawing and Book-keeping.	Chemistry and Nat. Philosophy.	French and Spanish.	Class average.		
Class A, - - - - -	8.40	8.20	7.70	7.70	8.60	8.12	00 years,	0 months.
" B, - - - - -	7.41	6.27	7.49	7.42	7.38	7.19	00 "	0 "
" C, - - - - -	6.23	5.17	6.54	6.98	6.80	6.34	00 "	0 "
" D, - - - - -	7.09	6.11	6.62	7.80	7.65	7.05	00 "	0 "
" E, - - - - -	6.68	6.91	6.56	7.25	6.46	6.77	00 "	0 "
" F, - - - - -	6.73	5.65	6.75	7.20	7.30	6.73	00 "	0 "
Total, - - - - -	7.09	6.38	6.94	7.36	7.26	7.03	00 years,	0 months.

The average age, scholarship, conduct and date of birth of each pupil, for the past year, will be found in the annual catalogue of the College, which accompanies this report.

In the early part of the past year, the important and indispensable improvement alluded to in the last report, of fitting up and furnishing the room in building known as No. 5, for instruction in Natural Philosophy, has been completed, and is now in constant use. An ante-room adjoining has been fitted up and furnished with glass cases, to accommodate the valuable philosophical instruments and apparatus belonging to the College. These have all been repaired, and put into complete order during the past year; they are now well protected from injury by dust or dampness, and are readily accessible for the use of the classes.

The fiscal concerns of the College for the past year are exhibited in the usual statement of its accounts, which is submitted with this report. This statement shows the several items of appropriation made by Councils to each of the various Departments of the Institution, and the expenditures made by the respective Standing Committees, each of which has endeavored by a rigid economy to keep within the limits prescribed.

Reference was made in the last Annual Report, to the ordinance passed by Councils in February, 1853, "For binding out the orphans of the College," as marking an event in its history of the highest importance, and of the deepest solicitude. To prepare the orphans of the College for that improved lot in life, which it was the cherished purpose of

the benevolent founder of the Institution to secure, and for the attainment of which he made such munificent provision; to make them *good apprentices*, and so to furnish them mentally and morally, as to command the best places, has been, and continues to be, the unceasing concern of the Directors of the Girard College. The Standing Committee of the College charged with the immediate execution of this important trust, has given to the duties attendant upon it the most careful attention. By an ordinance passed by Councils in April last, it was enacted "That in addition to the duties now required of him, the Secretary of the College shall act as Superintendent of the binding out of the orphans of the College, and in that behalf he shall perform such services as the Board of Directors of the said College may require; and he shall execute such supervision over the children bound out as the said Board may direct." This duty has been faithfully performed on the part of the Secretary, and the satisfactory report from the Committee of Discharge, showing the gratifying results of their labors in this behalf, is herewith submitted.

At no period of the history of the College, are the manifestations of moral and intellectual improvement in the orphans more apparent than at present; and it is truly gratifying to the Board of Directors to bear honorable testimony to the zeal and faithfulness of the President, Matron and all the officers of Instruction and Household in the discharge of their arduous and responsible duties. To adopt the expressive language of the last Report of the President of the College, to the Board, "Harmony prevails among the officers, and contentment among the pupils. During the past year, there has been a gradual but decided improvement in the sentiments of the great body of the orphans towards the College and its officers, as well as in their general deportment. The pupils submit to the necessary restraints of the place with cheerfulness, and the officers are able to preserve order and wholesome discipline without a resort to severity. The various classes are pursuing their studies with diligence; and the progress they are making is creditable to the fidelity and skill of the teachers. The Household Officers continue to discharge their duties with their accustomed ability and success, and nothing can now be foreseen to cloud the advent of the new year."

In closing another Annual Report, the Directors of the

Girard College would again assure Councils of their continued conviction of the importance of the trust confided to them, and of their earnest efforts faithfully to fulfill it. The right culture and proper training of the orphans committed to their charge, is an object of deep and constant solicitude:—to educate them intelligently; to foster in their minds a due sense of their accountability as moral and intellectual beings; to form their characters so as to fit them for the duties and responsibilities of life;—to “train them up in the way they should go, so that when they are old they will not depart from it;” is the true praxis of all education, to which the unfailing attention of the Board of Directors has been and will continue to be directed.

Amid the many favors that have crowned the year last past, the Directors have thankfully to acknowledge the large measure of health which has been graciously bestowed upon the College; with the exception of the three deaths already noticed in this Report, and occasional slight disease, this inestimable blessing has been abundantly enjoyed by all the large family of the Institution. May the best blessing of Him, who is indeed the God and Father of the orphan, continue to be extended to the Institution, and to every right effort to promote the highest good of its inmates.

SAMUEL H. PERKINS,
President Board of Directors.

STATEMENT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE GIRARD
COLLEGE FOR ORPHANS, FOR THE YEAR 1854.

Appropriations—

Household,	-	-	-	\$55,600 00
Instruction,	-	-	-	14,850 00
Accounts,	-	-	-	1,975 00
Library,	-	-	-	500 00
Admission,	-	-	-	50 00
Discipline and Discharge,				250 00
				<hr/> \$73,225 00

Expenditures—

Household, - - - -	\$54,158 83	
Instruction, - - - -	14,831 99	
Accounts, - - - -	1,809 32	
Library, - - - -	499 93	
Admission, - - - -	33 50	
Discipline and Discharge,	68 80	
Amount unexpended and returned to the Girard Fund, - - -	1,822 63	73,225 00

The appropriation for the Department of Household was, - - - - - 55,600 00

The expenditures were as follows:

Furniture, - - - -	\$1,249 75	
Clothing, - - - -	11,498 58	
Subsistence, - - - -	20,987 97	
Fuel, - - - -	1,999 32	
Wages, - - - -	6,999 59	
Salaries, - - - -	5,150 00	
Outfit of Apprentices, - -	1,661 48	
Improvement of Grounds,	998 90	
Repairs to Buildings, - -	1,499 15	
Gas, - - - -	1,114 09	
Incidentals, - - - -	1,000 00	
Amount unexpended and returned to the Girard Fund, - - -	1,441 17	55,600 00

The appropriation for the Department of Instruction was, - - - - - 14,850 00

The expenditures were as follows:

Salaries, - - - -	\$11,600 00	
School and Philosophical apparatus, - - - -	745 31	
Books and Stationery, -	1,492 77	
School Furniture, - -	750 00	
Materials, &c., for Chemical Laboratory, - - - -	243 92	
Amount unexpended and returned the Girard Fund, - - - -	18 01	14,850 00

The appropriation to the Committee on Accounts
was, - - - - - \$1,975 00

The expenditures were for—

Salaries of Secretary and Superintendent of Binding
Out, and Messenger, - \$1,495 06
Printing and Stationery, - 314 32

Amount unexpended and returned
to the Girard Fund, - - 165 68

1,975 00

The appropriation for the Library was, - - 500 00

The expenditure was for—

Books, - - - - - \$499 93

Amount unexpended and returned to
the Girard Fund, - - - 7

500 00

The appropriation to the Committee on Admission was, - - - - - 50 00

The Expenditure was for—

Printing and Stationery, - - \$33 50

Amount unexpended and returned to
the Girard Fund, - - - 16 50

50 00

The appropriation to the Committee on Discipline and Discharge was, - - - - 250 00

The expenditure was for—

Advertising, Printing and Stationery, - - - - 68 80

Amount unexpended and returned to
the Girard Fund, - - - 181 20

250 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. AREY,

Secretary Girard College.

GIRARD COLLEGE, Jan. 24, 1855.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BINDING OUT.

GIRARD COLLEGE, January 23, 1855.

WILLIAM WELSH, Esq., *Chairman of Committee on Discharge*;

Dear Sir :—The important portions of Mr. Girard's scheme of benevolence, which requires that the orphan shall be taught an occupation, in addition to receiving sustenance and education in his College, has been sufficiently tested during the past year, to justify, and perhaps make interesting, a brief report of its results and difficulties. It is almost needless to say, that as the time came near for its experiment, the authorities of the Institution approached the subject with great anxiety, and, perhaps, well-founded doubts. The practical realization of all the hopes and wishes of the founder, embracing as they probably did in his mind the *elevation of labor*, as well as individual charity, no portion of duty connected with the College could exceed it in responsibility, as certainly no one was so dependent on extraneous causes for its success or failure. Among these difficulties most prominent was the entire change, which, in the interval between Mr. Girard's death and the present time, has taken place in the relations between master and apprentice. Few mechanics of the present day in the city of Philadelphia receive apprentices, or admit into their homes and their families the lads who are acquiring from them a knowledge of their trade. Giving a weekly pension in recompense for their services, when the labor of the day is finished the master considers that his duty is done, and that no further moral or legal responsibility attaches to him; while the lad, relieved from all guardianship, is free to pass the rest of his time as he pleases, profitably, if his impulses are good, but disastrously, if the victim to evil inclinations, or bad companions. And in perhaps the majority of cases, long before the period of legal age has arrived, eager for the practical freedom which appears to be the characteristic of the times, he throws off the slight restraint hitherto imposed upon him, and emerges into active life an unfinished and incompetent workman. While benevolent men, who have given the subject attention, are justly attributing much of the disorder and vice prevailing in our large cities to this unhappy change in the education of the laboring classes, it was manifest that the Directors of the College could not feel it consistent with the obligation imposed upon them by the confidence of Councils, to allow

their orphans to go out into the world exposed to all the trials and temptations which the present system encourages. It was therefore an anxious experiment, whether places could be found for the pupils where a home as well as an Instructor would be furnished—where moral and personal restraint would be continued—and where the guardianship of the lad would be merely transferred from the Institution to the master.

It is most gratifying to be able to report that the experiment has been tried and with greater success than the most sanguine anticipated. A much larger number of applications has been received than the College could possibly supply, and as experience makes more perfect our system, and the good conduct of many of our lads becomes better known, a gradual but decided improvement in the character and grades of the situations offered is apparent; giving reason to hope that we will hereafter be able to accomplish still more for society and these children.

The Institution has thus far apprenticed eighty-nine lads to various trades and occupations, and the indentures of thirteen others (who having passed creditably through the Institution were eligible to be bound out,) have been cancelled, in order to allow them to accept situations in other States, or to obtain places where they would not have been taken under indentures. Of the eighty-nine who have been bound, sixty-eight reside in the families of their masters, and twenty-one have been permitted under the special authority granted by Councils, to board in places approved by the Directors. Sixty-one of these orphans have been apprenticed to masters residing in the city of Philadelphia, and twenty-eight in other parts of the State. Appended to this report will be found a catalogue containing the names of the apprentices, and the names, residences and occupations of the masters. The intercourse and influence of the Institution have been kept up with many of these lads by occasional visits or correspondence. And it has been most pleasing to find, that when relaxation from business permits, most of them return to the College to renew with grateful and kind feelings their old associations with their officers and companions.

At the close of the past year, a circular letter was addressed to each master, requesting information as to the progress, habits and character of his apprentice. The information thus obtained has been most flattering as to the ultimate success of

Mr. Girard's scheme, and leads to the hope, that not only will his benevolent intentions be successfully accomplished, but that at no distant period society itself will feel the results of the Institution, in the introduction to the manual arts, of numbers of educated, well trained and skillful men, who have come to the workshops from his college. Answers have already been received from a majority of masters, and while we regret to learn that some six of our boys have failed to meet the expectations formed of them, this regret is more than counterbalanced by the unusually satisfactory reports made of the rest. Although not intended for publication, it is felt to be but an act of justice to the lads themselves, and as an important aid to the success of this most responsible task, to append to this Report a few of the answers received as specimens of the gratifying replies that have been made to our queries.

In conclusion, we have no reason to doubt that as it becomes better known that we are enabled to furnish a higher class of lads than those usually apprenticed to the mechanic arts,—boys with religious, moral and practical educations, under the influence of judicious discipline, and with personal habits that will not render their presence in a family distasteful—a demand will be created for our pupils, that will enable us to provide for them advantageously to themselves, profitably to society, and creditably to the College.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. AREY,
Secretary of Girard College.

APPENDIX No. 9.

PHILADELPHIA, February 3d, 1855.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with your request, I herewith transmit to you the following statement of the affairs of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company, up to the 1st inst.

Very respectfully, &c.,

PHILIP M. PRICE, *Treasurer.*

RECEIPTS.

	No. of Shares.	Am't of Subscrip.	Amount Paid.
City of Philadelphia,	20,000	\$2,000,000	\$950,000 00
District of Richmond,	2,500	250,000	250,000 00
City of Erie,	3,000	300,000	150,000 00
Subscriptions other than of Municipal Corporations,	23,855	2,381,500	759,172 00
From sale of bonds of the Co. and other sources,			159,754 84
			<hr/> \$2,268,926 84

In the above subscriptions are not included those of any counties, towns or individuals upon which no instalment has been paid.

EXPENDITURES.

Engineering for the whole line of road, - -	\$97,845 45
Land damages, right of way and real estate,	73,323 54
Road construction and superstructure between Sunbury and Lock Haven, (30 miles of which are finished and in operation,) including a large amount of work done, and materials for the remaining portions, - - -	1,561,502 33
Do. west of Lock Haven, - - -	65,717 17
Piers in the harbor of Erie, - - -	48,001 37
Interest account and discount on bonds, -	70,191 55
Contingent expenses of all kinds, - -	60,008 45
Balance on hand, February 1, 1855, -	292,336 98
	<hr/> \$2,268,926 84

APPENDIX No. 10.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia :

The Board of Managers of the Wills' Hospital for the Indigent, Lame and Blind, submit their Twentieth Annual Report.

There has been paid, during the past year, the sum of five thousand six hundred and forty-six dollars and three cents. (\$5,646 03,) which has been applied as follows, viz :

House expenses, - - - -	\$3,561 67
Salaries and wages, - - - -	1,306 11
Medical department, - - - -	527 68
Repairs to real estate, - - -	250 57
	<hr/> \$5,646 03

The number of patients admitted during the year, including 34 who were in the house at the close of the year 1853, was - - - - - 230

The number discharged during the same period was - - - - - 204
 Leaving at present in the house, - - - - - 26
230

Of those discharged, were cured, - - - - - 172
 .. " " relieved, - - - - - 27
 " " " not improved - - - - - 5
204

Of the whole number admitted, there were born
 in the United States, - - - - - 74
 Born in Ireland, - - - - - 103
 " " Scotland, - - - - - 3
 " " Germany, - - - - - 9
 " " Wales, - - - - - 1
 " " New Brunswick, - - - - - 1
 " " England, - - - - - 4
 " " Switzerland, - - - - - 1
196

During the year three patients have eloped.

In addition to the patients residing in the house, there have been twelve hundred and fifty out-door patients, who have been furnished with advice by the surgeons of the institution.

The Steward has received from pay patients and other sources, five hundred and ninety-five dollars and seventy cents, (\$595 70,) which sum has been paid to the City Treasurer.

There have been 207 surgical operations performed during the year, which were, with few exceptions, successful. In number and interest they have greatly exceeded any previous year.

The Household Department has been well conducted, and the services of the Surgeons and Physicians of the Hospital have been rendered with ability and faithfulness. The report of Dr. Edward Hartshorne, this day presented to the Board, contains so many interesting statements concerning the Medical Department of this Institution, that it is thought proper to append it hereto, and have it considered as part of this Annual Report.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Board,

JNO. RODMAN PAUL, *President.*

EDWARD HOPPER, *Secretary.*

DR. E. HARTSHORNE'S QUARTERLY REPORT, WITH ANNUAL STATEMENT
FOR 1854.

January 1st, 1855.

To the Managers of Wills' Hospital:

GENTLEMEN—According to custom, I beg leave, at the termination of my three months' attendance, to submit the following quarterly report:

There were in the House, October 1st, 1854, 25 males	
and 8 females—total, - - - - -	33
Admitted in Oct., 8 males and 9 females—total, - -	17
“ “ Nov., 6 “ “ 5 “ “ - -	11
“ “ Dec., 6 “ “ 2 “ “ - -	8

Whole number in the House in the course of the quarter, 69

Of these 69, there were cured 32, relieved 9, unimproved 2.

Remaining under treatment in the House, January 1st, 1855, 15 males and 11 females—in all, 26. Of these, several

are nearly ready for discharge, and all but one are improving, eleven of them being cases of cataract awaiting the result of operations.

Number of out-patients applying for relief, and under treatment, October 1st, 1854,	-	-	-	-	75
New patients prescribed for in October,	-	-	-	-	115
“ “ “ “ November,	-	-	-	-	90
“ “ “ “ December,	-	-	-	-	70
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					350

Making a total of three hundred and fifty cases, old and new, attended to without charge to the Hospital, since the commencement of the quarter.

This large number of applicants to our dispensary goes to show that the number of out-patients has not been sensibly affected by the regulation obliging them to buy their medicines; still it is right to say that we have been forced to refer to other dispensaries several apparently deserving sufferers, who were too poor to pay an apothecary for the prescriptions which we offered to them.

In the course of the three months there have been performed sixty operations, only one of which can at present be regarded as entirely unsuccessful, while at least fifty-five of the remaining fifty-nine have been attended with satisfactory results.

Of these operations, there were for cataract,	-	-	39
For extraction of foreign bodies (steel splinters) from cornea,	-	-	15
For extraction of foreign bodies (fragments of steel) from iris,	-	-	1
For strabismus or squint, (internal,)	-	-	3
For the removal of tumors in the eyelids,	-	-	2
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			60

Of the thirty-nine cataracts, one has proved unsuccessful, eight are still under treatment and doing well, while three are, so far, partially unsuccessful, although they still continue to present a gradual improvement.

The recent appearance, to a slight degree, of erysipelas in the wards, has again attracted our attention to the defective ventilation of the building, and to the great lack of entirely

different bathing and water-closet arrangements, which is a constant drawback to the usefulness of the Institution, whether regarded as an asylum or a hospital. In the event of an epidemic of erysipelatous disease, such as may occur at any time, the absence of the long contemplated improvements would be severely felt; and all operations except those of immediate and urgent necessity, would have to be abandoned for want of proper accommodations.

The patients at present in the Hospital are under treatment for the following affections of the eye:

Cataract, 6 males, 5 females, (all operated upon,) -	11
Chronic conjunctivitis, 3 males, (improving,) - -	3
Granular conjunctivitis, 2 males, (improving,) - -	2
Scrofulous ophthalmia, 1 male and 3 females, (all improving,) - - - - -	4
Ulcer of cornea, 2 females, (improving,) - - -	2
Iritis, 1 male and 1 female, (improving,) - -	2
Wound of eye, 1 male, (improving,) - - - -	1
Strabismus or squint, 1 male, (operated on and nearly well,) - - - - -	1
	<hr/> 26

Summary of Cases and Operations for 1854.

As the recent quarter terminates the twelve months tour of duty, it may be useful to present a general view of cases and operations in the form of an annual statement, in addition to the usual quarterly return. For this purpose, Dr. Homar, the resident physician, has been kind enough to prepare the following statistics:

There were in the Hospital:

Jan. 1st, 1855, - - -	20 males,	14 females,	34
Admitted during the year, 124	"	72	" 196

Whole number in the house in

the year, - - -	144 males,	86 females,	230
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Of these were discharged in 1854, 128 males and 76

females, - - -	-	-	-	-	-	204
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Of whom were cured, 101 males and 71 females, 172

Of whom were relieved, 23 " 4 " 27

Of whom were unimproved, 4 " 1 " 5

204

Of patients admitted during 1854, there were—

From the United States,	- - - - -	74
“ Ireland,	- - - - -	103
“ Germany,	- - - - -	9
“ England,	- - - - -	4
“ Scotland,	- - - - -	3
“ Wales,	- - - - -	1
“ New Brunswick,	- - - - -	1
“ Switzerland,	- - - - -	1

— 196

The number of out-patients, in attendance under treatment, January 1st, 1854, was 64. The number of new out-patients in January, 1854, was 84; in February, 75; in March, 84; in April, 81; in May, 155; in June, 159; in July, 100; in August, 132; in September, 120; in October, 115; in November, 90; in December, 70; in all - - - - - 1265

Making, of old and new, a total of 1329 ophthalmic patients prescribed for without charge to the Hospital, in addition to 196 received and treated in the Wards. The whole number receiving aid from the charity therefrom since January 1st, 1854, is - - - - - 1525

Upon these patients were performed 207 operations exclusive of astringent and other applications.

Of these 207 operations, there were for

Cataract,	- - - - -	70
Entropium,	- - - - -	17
Lachrymal fistule,	- - - - -	6
Adherent eyelids,	- - - - -	5
Hordeolum, or sty,	- - - - -	2
Strabismus, or squint,	- - - - -	4
Pterygium,	- - - - -	1
Wounded eyelid,	- - - - -	1
Prophysis,	- - - - -	1
Removal of steel from cornea,	- - - - -	67
Removal of palpebral tumors,	- - - - -	10
Artificial pupil,	- - - - -	5
Abscess of eyelids,	- - - - -	5
Removal of conjunctival cicatrix,	- - - - -	2
Removal of adhesions of eyelids,	- - - - -	5

Division of External Commissare,	-	-	-	-	4
Removal of Lymph from the Pupil,	-	-	-	-	1
Removal of Steel from the Iris,	-	-	-	-	1

Of the 70 operations for cataract, 62 were successful, 5 were partially successful, and 3 unsuccessful; of the partially successful, at least 3 are yet undetermined, and may considerably improve before they are finally discharged.

Respectfully,

EDWARD HARTSHORNE, M. D.,
Attending Surgeon.

APPENDIX No. 11.

Philadelphia, Feb. 8th, 1855.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report, that in view of the recent consolidation of the various Municipalities into one corporate body, they deemed it proper to examine into, and prepare a statement for Councils, and all interested, of the value and revenue of the property which belongs to said Corporation. In order the more efficiently to carry out these views, a Special Sub-Committee was appointed composed of Messrs. W. S. Smith, chairman, A. S. Roberts, J. U. Giller, to which the chairman of this committee was added. The committee, after a very laborious examination, have presented their report, which will doubtless give great satisfaction to Councils and to the public. The committee take pleasure in presenting it, and ask the adoption of the annexed resolution.

W. P. HACKER, *chairman.*

WM. F. SMITH,

JOHN U. GILLER,

P. A. KEYSER,

WM. S. SMITH,

ALG'N S. ROBERTS,

O. P. CURNMAN.

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the Statements A, B, C, and D, in relation to the value and revenue of the property belonging to the City of Philadelphia, be printed for use of the members—together with the report of the Committee.

To the Committee on Finance :

The sub-committee appointed by Resolution of November 4th, to inquire into the financial position of the City, &c., &c., beg leave to Report:—

That considering it highly important to possess a full and accurate knowledge of the property of the City, the revenue arising therefrom, and its valuation, the committee, as soon as possible after their appointment, proceeded to ascertain the same, and secured the valuable services of Mr. G. J. Hamilton, who was deputed to aid the committee by the City Treasurer, under a resolution of Councils to that effect.

It has required much time and labor to procure the necessary information, as, in consequence of the dissolution of the various districts, the persons to whom application was made for such information were difficult to be found, and when found, were unable to render satisfactory answers to the questions asked.

By industry and perseverance, however, the committee have been enabled to prepare such an account as they trust will meet with approval, and prove a desirable and interesting document, and they herewith submit the following statements, viz:

STATEMENT A.—Property yielding Revenue, or susceptible of Revenue, and liable for debts.

STATEMENT B.—Property yielding Revenue, or susceptible of Revenue, not liable for debts.

STATEMENT C.—Property not yielding Revenue, and not liable for debts.

In affixing the valuation of the various items of property, care has been taken to keep it as low as was consistent under the circumstances; there may be different opinions in regard to some of them, but all the statements have been closely scrutinized, and while the committee cannot suppose they are entirely correct, they are inclined to believe that, in the aggregate, they will meet the views of all parties interested.

WM. S. SMITH,
ALG'N S. ROBERTS,
JOHN U. GILLER,
W. P. HACKER.

Philadelphia, Feb. 5th, 1855.

STATEMENT A.

Property belonging to the City of Philadelphia and adjoining Districts at the time of Consolidation, Producing and Susceptible of Producing Revenue, and Liable for Debts.

Item	Valuation.	Revenue.
1. Tobacco Warehouse and Stores, Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13, on Dock street, and five other Stores on Front, between Dock and Spruce streets, - - - - -	\$213,000 00	\$12,775 00
2. Two small houses on Bickham street, - - - - -	3,000 00	160 00
3. One small house, Twenty-third and Cherry streets, - - - - -	2,000 00	125 00
4. One small house, Ann street, - - - - -	2,000 00	120 00
5. Ground Rents, on Lombard street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, - - - - -	11,250 00	675 00
6. Lemon Hill Estate, containing about fifty acres, - - - - - cost	75,000 00	600 00
7. Railroad Stocks, - - - - -	8,275,000 00	496,500 00
8. Ground Rent, West Philadelphia, - - - - -	95,000 00	5,700 00
9. Four Ground Rents, Spring Garden street, west of Thirteenth street, - - - - -	15,000 00	900 00
10. Lot on Carpenter street, with two buildings thereon, - - - - -	5,000 00	150 00
11. Stock in the Moyamensing Gas Company, - - - - -	1,200 00	divid 96 00
12. Lot of Ground fronting on Oak, Noble and Front streets, with two dwellings thereon, - - - - -	13,000 00	225 00
13. Four Shares Stock in the Branchtown and Germantown Turnpike and Plank Road Co, par value \$25, - - - - -	100 00	100 00
14. One Lot of two acres, on Frankford Creek, with a large two-story frame dwelling, - - - - -	7,000 00	100 00
15. One Lot on Chestnut street, from Aspen to Twenty-second street, 180x163 feet, - - - - -	30,000 00	100 00
16. One Lot on Twenty-first street, between High and Chestnut streets, 130x180 feet, - - - - -	20,000 00	140 00
17. One Lot on north side Chestnut street, from Twenty-second to Ashton street, 273x384 feet, - - - - -	55,000 00	} 3,000 00
18. One Lot on north side Chestnut street, west of Twenty-third, 210x381 feet, - - - - - Gas Works, {	60,000 00	
19. One Lot on north side High street and Ashon street, 273x303 feet, - - - - -	35,000 00	
20. One Lot on north side High street and Beach and Ashton, 240x306 feet, - - - - -	21,000 00	
21. One Lot on south side Vine street, from Twenty-first to Twenty-second street, 306x102 feet, - - - - -	30,000 00	} 15,000 00
22. One Lot on west side Twenty-first street, between Race and Vine, 112x396 feet, - - - - -	15,000 00	
23. One Lot back of Eastern Penitentiary, - - - - -	21,000 00	
24. One Lot or Strip of Ground, 3 feet front on Christian street, and 114 feet lateral front on Sutherland street, - - - - -	1,000 00	
25. One Lot on Master street, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth street, 305x393 feet, - - - - -	30,000 00	} 7,000 00
26. One Lot on West street, and Philadelphia and Trenton Railroad, - - - - -	7,000 00	
27. One Lot for Market House, Race and Crown streets, - - - - - cost,	61,000 00	
28. One Lot for Market House, Broad between Race and Arch streets, - - - - - cost,	100,000 00	

29. One Lot for Market House, Jones and Hickman streets,	-	-	-	-	-	5,000 00
30. One Lot for Market House, between Spruce and Pine, and Twentieth and Twenty-first streets,	-	-	-	-	-	25,000 00
31. One Lot and Hall, on Clearfield and West streets,	-	-	-	-	-	20,000 00
32. One Lot and Hall and other buildings, on Third street between Green and Tamany streets,	-	-	-	-	-	295 00
33. One Lot and Hall, on Spring Garden street, corner of Thirteenth street,	-	-	-	-	-	800 00
34. One Lot and Hall, late West Philadelphia,	-	-	-	-	-	1,835 00
35. One Lot and Hall, on Second street, late District of Southwark, subject to some ground rent,	-	-	-	-	-	30,000 00
36. One Lot and Hall, on Front street, Mister street and Frankford road, subject to \$250 ground rent,	-	-	-	-	-	30,000 00
37. One Lot and Hall, in late Penn District,	-	-	-	-	-	6,000 00
38. One Lot and Hall, in Borough of Germantown,	-	-	-	-	-	25,000 00
39. One Lot and Hall, in late Manayunk,	-	-	-	-	-	4,000 00
40. One Lot and Hall, in late Moyamensing,	-	-	-	-	-	25,000 00
41. One Lot and Hall, in late Borough of Frankford,	-	-	-	-	-	13,000 00
42. One Lot of four acres, on Germantown avenue,	-	-	-	-	-	11,000 00
43. One Lot of one-half acre, on Germantown avenue and Mill street,	-	-	-	-	-	1,000 00
44. One Lot of forty acres, used as a farm, late Manayunk,	-	-	-	-	-	12,000 00
45. One Lot with stone building thereon, used for Public School House, late Bridesburg,	-	-	-	-	-	1,000 00
46. Blockley and Marion Plank Road Stock,	-	-	-	-	-	10,000 00
47. Belmont Avenue Plank Road Stock,	-	-	-	-	-	10,000 00
48. Old City Burial Ground, yields a small revenue from the Coroner,	-	-	-	-	-	60 00
In addition to the above, there is an annual revenue arising from the following sources, viz:—The Licensing of Hacks, Omnibuses, Cabs, Drays and other vehicles, and Pawnbrokers; also. Permits for Building, Repairing, Tapping Culverts, &c., estimated at						
						14,000 00
						\$9,524,550 00 \$538,406 00

STATEMENT B.

Property belonging to the City of Philadelphia and adjoining Districts, at the time of Consolidation, Producing or Susceptible of Producing Revenue, and not liable for Debts.

Item		Valuation.	Revenue.
1	City Railroad, - - - - -	\$100,000 00	\$13,000 00
2	Market Houses and Stores at end of Second Street Market, Old City. - - -	400,000 00	36,432 00
3	Market Houses and Stores at end of Washington and Wharton Streets, Southwark, - - -	50,000 00	5,031 00
4	Market Houses, Northern Liberties, - - - - -	100,000 00	9,361 00
5	Do. Spring Garden, - - - - -	80,000 00	9,292 00
6	Do. Penn District, <i>all insured</i> , - - - - -	25,000 00	2,348 00
7	Do. District of Richmond, with Hall at end, - - -	8,000 00	250 00
8	Do. Kensington, - - - - -	38,000 00	3,480 00
9	Do. Moyamensing, - - - - -	16,000 00	2,543 00
10	Public Landings, Old City, on Delaware and Schuylkill, - - -	330,000 00	21,875 00
11	Do. Southwark, - - - - -	100,000 00	6,420 00
12	Do. Northern Liberties, - - - - -	200,000 00	16,930 00
13	Do. Spring Garden, on Schuylkill, - - - - -	4,500 00	300 00
14	Do. District of Richmond, on Delaware, - - -	30,000 00	50 00
15	Do. District of Kensington, on Delaware, - - -	42,300 00	2,335 00
16	Do. Bridesburg, on Delaware, - - - - -	2,500 00	200 00
17	Water Works, Old City, Southwark and Moyamensing, - - -	1,250,000 00	185,465 00
18	Do. Spring Garden and Northern Liberties, - - -	340,000 00	110,584 00
19	Do. West Philadelphia, - - - - -	140,000 00	43,970 60
20	Do. Kensington, - - - - -	225,000 00	80,000 00
21	Gas Works, Old City, - - - - -	1,200,000 00	80,000 00
22	Do. Spring Garden, - - - - -	250,000 00	81,000 00
23	Do. West Philadelphia, - - - - -	35,000 00	130 00
24	Do. Frankford and Aramingo, - - - - -		
		\$5,078,300 00	\$549,907 00

STATEMENT C.

Property belonging to the City of Philadelphia and adjoining Districts, at the time of Consolidation, Producing no Revenue, and not liable for Debts.

Item		Valuation.
1.	The North-Western and sundry other Station Houses,	
2.	The Public Squares, viz: Penn Square, - - - - -	\$21,000 00
3.	Do. Independence Square and Buildings, - - - - -	
4.	Do. Franklin Square, - - - - -	
5.	Do. Rittenhouse Square, - - - - -	
6.	Do. Washington Square, - - - - -	
7.	Do. Logan Square, - - - - -	
8.	Do. Parade Ground, back of County Prison, - - - - -	
9.	Do. Jefferson Square, - - - - -	
10.	Do. Fair Hill Square, - - - - -	
11.	Do. Norris Square, - - - - -	
12.	Do. Beach Street Square, - - - - -	
13.	Lot of Ground on Buttonwood Street, between Broad and Thirteenth, with Station House and Work Shop thereon, Spring Garden, - - - - -	18,000 00
14.	Lot of Ground containing 20 acres, with Buildings thereon, used for Almshouse, in the Borough of Germantown, - - - - -	46,000 00
15.	Lot of Ground containing 20 acres, with Buildings thereon, used for Almshouse, in Roxborough and Manayunk, - - - - -	16,000 00
16.	Lot of Ground containing 145 acres, with Buildings thereon, used for Almshouse, in Oxford and Lower Dublin, - - - - -	25,000 00
17.	Public School Houses and Grounds, valued as per Statement of Controllers, - - - - -	1,064,879 00
18.	Almshouse Grounds and Buildings, valued as per Statement of Guardians, - - - - -	917,505 75
19.	County Prison valued in 1846, valued as per Statement of Inspectors, - - - - -	450,000 00
		<hr/> \$2,558,384 75 <hr/>

D.—SYNOPSIS.

		Valuation.	Revenue.
Per Statement A,	- -	\$9,524,550 00	\$538,406 00
“ “ B,	-	5,078,300 00	549,907 00
“ “ C,	- -	2,558,384 75	
		<hr/> \$17,161,234 75	<hr/> \$1,088,313 00

APPENDIX No. 12.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

The Joint Special Committee, to whom was referred the joint resolution, requesting the City Solicitor to obtain, if practicable, the opinion of the Supreme Court, as to the right of the City, by her corporate authorities, to vote the stock held by the City of Philadelphia in the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company, at the general annual meeting of the Stockholders, with authority to procure legal advice, respectfully report, that the committee, finding it impracticable to obtain any expression of opinion by the Supreme Court in time for the ensuing annual Stockholders' meeting, submitted the resolution under which they were appointed, to the City Solicitor, whose opinion, in writing, was sent to their chairman, and is herewith submitted. The committee recommend the adoption of the resolution annexed.

GEO. GRISCOM, *chairman*,
THOS. BALCH,
A. M. EASTWICK,
HENRY L. SMITH,
M. SANDGRAN.

Philadelphia, February 8, 1855.

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, Jan. 29th, 1855. }

To the Joint Special Committee of the Select and Common Council :

GENTLEMEN—I have received your communication of the 26th inst., requesting my opinion on the following questions :

1. Has the City the power, under the charter and supplements of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad, to vote at the election for managers, on its stock, as a stockholder, or is it only authorized to elect their Directors in the Board ?

2. If entitled to vote on the stock, as above mentioned, would the action of the City, in so voting, commit it in any way so as to prevent its authorities from contesting its liability on the unpaid instalments of its subscription ?

I have examined and carefully considered the charter and supplements of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company, with a view to a proper decision of the questions now submitted to this department.

The act of the 10th of February, 1852, which authorized municipal corporations to subscribe to the stock of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company, gave to them the right to be represented at elections and meetings of the said Company by agents duly authorized, and acting under resolution passed by the constituted authorities thereof: *Provided*, however, that any corporation that should be possessed of five thousand shares in the capital stock of the said company, should, in lieu of voting at the general elections of said company, be entitled to elect, by the constituted authorities thereof, one manager for each five thousand shares held by the said corporation, such corporation, however, to elect no more than three managers, and a majority of the managers to be at all times elected by the private stockholders, with an additional provision for the purpose of reducing the number of stockholders to be elected by such corporations, to six, whenever the amount of stock held by them should authorize the election of a greater number.

By the act of the 27th March, 1852, each share of stock on which one or more instalments had been paid, entitled the holder to one vote at any election, for each and every share so held.

The first section of the act of the 8th of May, 1854, provides that the number of managers shall be thirteen, to be chosen as follows: "Any municipal corporation that shall at the time hold five thousand shares or more of the capital stock, may elect one manager for each five thousand shares so held, *such election to be by the constituted authorities of the corporation* and to be made not more than thirty nor less than five days prior to the annual meeting of the said company: *Provided, that no such corporation shall elect more than three managers* and that not more than five managers shall at any time be elected by all such corporations; and then, provided that if the amount of stock held by municipal corporations would, under the above arrangements authorize the election of more than five managers, those corporations only, who were the eldest stockholders, shall exercise the right of election, and that the remaining stockholders shall elect the remaining managers.

The second section of the same act, in terms exclude all corporations thus electing its own members of the Board of Managers from any participation in the general election.

By the provisions of the foregoing laws, a certain and fixed representation is secured to municipal corporations in the Board of Managers of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad.

The act of 1854 differs only from the one of 1852 in this, that it clearly disavows any intention of disfranchising those municipal corporations who, while they might not be entitled, from a deficiency of stock, to elect their own representative, ought not to be deprived of a voice in the selection of managers.

Such being the obvious intention of the Legislature, I cannot give to the law a construction which might give to the City of Philadelphia the entire control and management of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad, to the exclusion of other and private stockholders. While it may be urged that the right of the City in the election of three managers, is greatly disproportioned to the magnitude of her interest in the said road, it must be borne in mind that the law has secured to her a certain and fixed representation, free at all times from the contingencies of a general election.

Upon these considerations, I am of the opinion that the City is restricted to her right to return three persons to represent her in the Board of Managers of the said company, and that

she must either exercise her right in this way or decline all participation in the management of the said Board.

Such being my construction of the law, I have considered it unnecessary to give an opinion on the alterations embraced in the second question proposed by the committee.

I am respectfully yours,

ISAAC HAZLEHURST.

APPENDIX No. 13.

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, March 8th, 1855. }

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

In accordance with the requirement of the fourth section of an ordinance passed January 30th, 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to provide a Sinking Fund for the redemption of the Debt of the City of Philadelphia," I submit the following statement:

Amount of Moneys invested on Account of the Sinking Fund, from January 1st, 1855, to this date, viz:

Five per cent. Loans of the City of Philadelphia,	\$9,138 99
[Nine thousand one hundred and thirty-eight 100 ⁹⁹ dollars.]	
Six per cent. Loans of the City of Philadelphia,	1,470 93
[One thousand four hundred and seventy 100 ⁹³ dollars.]	

Total investment since January 1st, 1855,	<u>\$10,609 92</u>
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[Ten thousand six hundred and nine 100 ⁹² dollars.]	
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At a net cost of nine thousand and fifty-eight 100 ⁸ dollars.	- - - - - 9,058 08
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Respectfully,

JOHN LINDSAY, *City Treasurer.*

APPENDIX NO 14.

The Committee on Surveys to whom was referred the preamble and resolution, regarding a Census of the Consolidated City of Philadelphia

Report, as their opinion, that a correct enumeration of the inhabitants, and an accurate return of the commercial, manufacturing, and other industrial establishments, with a statistical account of the capital employed, and of the resulting products, affording information at all times valuable, would be especially so at this period.

The commencement of our city government with enlarged boundaries, forms a new era from which the future will take date, and our condition and resources at this time will be referred to in subsequent history with peculiar profit and interest. This year, it should be observed, too, is the medial point between the periods at which the United States Census is taken.

By a proper and systematic arrangement of the duties to be performed, and by placing the whole business under the direction of one intelligent head, whose time should be entirely devoted to the commission assigned him, it is believed that more economy and dispatch will be obtained than in any other manner. The Committee also believe, that the field work or collection of facts, may be performed most appropriately by the Assessors, who are chosen by the people at large.

For the duties thus required of them a fair compensation should be allowed, and, inasmuch as the usual assessments may be made at the same time, the additional labor imposed on them, both in office and out-door work, will not, we think, exceed two months.

No sufficient data are afforded to arrive at an accurate estimate of the cost, but the committee suppose that an allowance of \$150 to each of the Assessors; \$1,000 to the Superintendent; \$500 for temporary clerk hire, and \$5,000 for printing and publishing, making the total sum of \$14,000, will be ample to defray the whole expense—an amount by no means commensurate with the value and importance of the statistical information that will be imparted to the community.

It is earnestly hoped, and confidently anticipated, that the citizens will voluntarily and cheerfully render every aid in

their power to the officers employed by the city government, in the correct and efficient discharge of a commission alike interesting and valuable to all.

Every man's business and profession will be promoted, and his pride as a citizen of Philadelphia gratified, by spreading before the world reliable census of the population, industry, wealth and resources of our City.

Application has been made to the State Legislature for authority thus to employ the Assessors and others, which will doubtless be promptly granted.

The committee submit herewith, the form of an ordinance, providing for the taking of a census in conformity to the foregoing view, and respectfully ask of the Councils its early consideration.

A. M. EASTWICK, *chairman*.
 ALGN. S. ROBERTS,
 GEO. NORTON,
 JOHN HORN,
 SETH AUSTIN,
 JOS. M. THOMAS,
 J. H. HUTCHINSON,
 N. L. KEYSER,
 JAMES VERREE.

Philadelphia, March, 12, 1855.

APPENDIX NO. 15.

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred a claim made by William A. Banes, on account of the construction by him of a culvert on Coral and Sergeant streets, in the late District of Kensington, respectfully report—

That in the investigation of the subject, they were attended by Mr. Banes, the claimant, who produced several witnesses in support of his claim, and by Mr. Hoppel, of this Council, who opposed it; the committee have also examined the journal of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Kensington, and from these sources of information, they have learned the following facts in relation to the subject under consideration :—

On the 30th day of January, A. D. 1854, a resolution was

adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the said District, authorizing and directing the Committee on Culverts, "to contract with some person or persons for the construction of a culvert extending from Amber street, thence along Sergeant to Coral street; thence along Coral to York street; thence along York street as far as the Committee on Culverts may deem necessary;" and also, directing the said committee to make the contract upon such terms as they, or a majority of them, in their judgment, might deem expedient.

From the evidence of George Dehaven, and John Jackson, members (the former of whom was the chairman) of the said Committee on Culverts, it appears that after the adjournment of the Board, on the said 30th day of January, the said committee agreed that they would receive proposals for the construction of four thousand eight hundred feet of culvert, in sections of one thousand six hundred feet, until the next day, at 2 o'clock, P. M.; that in the meantime, they would personally and verbally invite proposals, and that at 3 o'clock, P. M., on the 31st day of January, 1854, they would award the contract; that the said committee did, on the said 31st day of January, award the contract for the construction of one thousand six hundred feet of culvert on Sergeant and Coral streets, to William A. Banes, the claimant, at the rate of \$6 50, per lineal foot, and \$57 for each inlet; and that on the same day, a contract was signed by the said William A. Banes, and the Commissioners and Inhabitants of the District of Kensington, by George Dehaven, John Jackson and George Rex, Committee on Culverts, whereby the said W. A. Banes agreed to build and construct a good and substantial brick culvert, seven feet in diameter on the inside thereof, commencing at and opening into the culvert laid in Amber street, at the corner of Sergeant street, and extending thence along Sergeant street to Coral street, and thence along Coral street, a distance of sixteen hundred feet from the place of beginning; the said culvert was to have been constructed in a workmanlike manner, with good Philadelphia made brick. And the said District, on her part, agreed to pay the said W. A. Banes \$6 50 per lineal foot, for the construction and building of said culvert as aforesaid, and the further sum of \$57 for each inlet. By the terms of the said agreement, the said payments were to have been made monthly, as the work progressed, in the scrip of the

District, or certificates of its loans at par, which said loans were not to be made redeemable in less than twenty-five years from their date; the last monthly or final payment, however, was not to be made until the work upon the said culverts and inlets should have been examined and approved by the said Committee on Culverts, or other proper officer or agent of the said Board of Commissioners or their successors. The committee annex a copy of the said agreement to this report.

The journal of the said Board of Commissioners shows that on the first day of February, 1854, the President laid before that body a communication from Clement Hooper, (underwritten by Emanuel Street,) stating that he, in connection with Emanuel Street, had agreed to build for the Committee on Culverts, in a manner satisfactory to said committee, the culvert on Coral street, for \$4 20 per foot.

From the testimony of Messrs. George Dehaven and John Jackson, it appears that the said Committee on Culverts never opened the proposal of Mr. Hooper, because, as they alleged, it did not reach them until after the contract had been awarded, although the said committee had not yet risen or adjourned. Taking into view the manner of inviting the proposals, and the time allowed for making them, the course of the said Committee on Culverts, in refusing to consider the one made by Mr. Hooper, appears to have been reprehensible; yet, as it has not been shown or alleged that the claimant had anything to do with such rejection, this committee are of the opinion that the communication of Mr. Hooper is not pertinent to a subject affecting the interests of the claimant, and, therefore, that it cannot properly be considered in determining this question.

On the said first day of February, 1854, the said Committee on Culverts made report to the Board, that in pursuance of the authority vested in them by the resolution of the 30th of January, they had contracted with Mr. Banes, the claimant, for sixteen hundred feet of seven feet culvert, on Sergeant and Coral streets, commencing at and opening into the culvert on Amber street, at the rate of \$7 50 per lineal foot, and \$57 for each inlet, to be constructed of Philadelphia made brick, and in a workmanlike manner.

On the 7th day of February, 1854, the said Committee on Culverts made another report, stating that they had contracted with Mr. Banes for the same sixteen hundred feet of seven

feet culvert on Sergeant and Coral streets, at the rate of \$6 50 per lineal foot, and \$57 for each inlet, to be constructed of like bricks and in a like manner, which last report was adopted by the Board. On the same day, the said Board adopted a resolution confirming the said contract, and instructing the president to sign, and the clerk to attest the same, and directing the seal of the corporation to be affixed thereto.

The said culvert was finished last fall, and the claimant received from the District of Kensington, on account of his said work, the sum of \$3,932 50.

Although the Consolidation Act, did not become a law by receiving the signature of the Governor until the 2d day of February, 1854, yet it will be remembered, that the bill had been passed by both branches of the Legislature, on the 31st day of January, and that for some days previous thereto, the almost certainty of its passage was felt and understood by every intelligent citizen. This state of affairs, which, in the opinion of this committee, should have induced the Board of Commissioners to refrain from authorizing or making the contract under consideration, rather precipitated its consummation. Inconsiderate haste is observable in each act of the Board and its committee on this subject. The resolution authorizing the committee to make the contract, was adopted at a *special* meeting of the Board, held on the 30th day of January, 1854, and clothed the committee with the unusual power of concluding it with whom, and upon such terms as they pleased, without imposing any conditions or restrictions, or requiring any previous report or information upon the subject. Instead of inviting proposals by advertising in the newspapers, for a reasonable period, the only invitations, in this instance, were voluntarily and *verbally* given by members of the said Committee on Culverts, less than twenty-four hours before the contract was awarded; the contract was prepared and signed on the same day it was awarded. At another *special* meeting of the Board, held on the first day of February, 1854, the said committee reported that they had contracted with Mr. Banes for the work at *seven dollars and fifty cents per lineal foot*, when a motion "*to accept the same*" was made, but declared lost, because a quorum did not vote upon the question; and, at a subsequent meeting of the Board, held on the 7th day of February, 1854, the said committee reported that they had contracted for the same work at *six dollars and*

fifty cents per lineal foot, which last report was adopted. This committee, however, does not find that there has been any complicity between the said Board or committee and the claimant in relation to the said contract, nor that any unfairness was practiced by the latter in obtaining the same; and any improprieties that may have characterized the acts of the Board or committee above, cannot affect the rights of the claimant.

Nor does this committee think that the validity of the contract is impaired because it is not signed by the President of the Board, attested by the Secretary, and has not the corporate seal attached. It is signed by a committee authorized to make the contract, and the omission or refusal of the president or secretary, or both of them, to sign and affix the seal, especially after they had been required by a resolution to perform these very acts, would, in the opinion of this committee, be inoperative to defeat the action of a majority of the Board.

This committee, therefore, after maturely considering the whole subject, are of opinion, that although the said Committee on Culverts and the Board did not act with the prudence, care and deliberation which should govern the conduct of public agents, but that even an inexcusable haste was exhibited in their action upon this subject, yet that the contract is legally binding, and that the City should pay to the claimant the price agreed upon for the work, if he has faithfully performed it according to the terms of the said contract. It has been alleged, however, that the culvert has been built, in part, of materials inferior to those contracted for, and that portions of the work have not been well executed; this committee, therefore think, that these matters should be properly inquired into by the proper officer, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

GEO. NORTON, *chairman*,
JOHN DUBREE,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
W. H. STOKES,
JON. BULLOCK,
M. SANDGRAN,
JOHN S. PAINTER.

COPY OF THE CONTRACT.

Articles of agreement made and entered into this thirty-first day of January, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four between William A. Banes, of the District of Kensington, in the County of Philadelphia, brickmaker, of the one part, and the Commissioners and Inhabitants of the District of Kensington, by Messrs George Dehaven, Dr. George Rex and John Jackson, Committee on Culverts of the Board of Commissioners of the said District, duly appointed and authorized by said Board to enter into this agreement, of the other part, witnesseth, that the said William A. Banes, for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, has agreed, and by these presents does covenant and agree to and with the said party of the second part, that he will build and construct for the said party of the second part, a good and substantial brick culvert, seven feet in diameter, on the inside thereof, in and along the streets, or parts of streets in said District following, to wit:—Commencing at and opening into the culvert now laid in Amber street, at the corner of Sergeant street, and extending thence along said Sergeant street to Coral street, and thence along Coral street a distance of sixteen hundred feet from the place of beginning—the said culvert to be laid in such a line and to such depths in said streets as the said Committee on Culverts, or other proper officer or agent of the Commissioners aforesaid, or their successors may direct, and to be constructed in a workmanlike manner, with good Philadelphia made bricks, and to be commenced and prosecuted without delay; and it is further covenanted and agreed by the said William A. Banes that he will place and construct the necessary funnels to said culvert, at such points as the said committee or other proper officer may direct, which said funnels are to be constructed of like bricks and in like manner, and the said inlets are to be furnished with stone backs and bottoms, with proper drip stones and cast iron tops or covers; and the said William A. Banes further covenants and agrees that he will fully complete said culverts, with the inlets, on or before the first day of July next, and that he will make all the necessary excavations therefor, and fill up the space over the same to the present level of said streets:—And the Commissioners and Inhabitants of the District of Kensington, by their committee, as aforesaid, hereby covenant

and agree to pay to the said William A. Banes, the sum of six dollars and fifty cents per lineal foot for the construction and building of said culverts, as aforesaid, and the further sum of fifty-seven dollars for each inlet; the said payments to be made monthly, as the work progresses, in the scrip of the District, or certificates of its loans at par, which said loans are not to be made redeemable in less than twenty-five years from the date thereof: *Provided, however*, that the last monthly or final payment shall not be made until the work upon the said culvert and inlets shall have been examined and approved by the said committee or other proper officer or agent of the said Board of Commissioners or their successors. And for the true and faithful performance of all and every the covenants and agreements aforesaid, the said parties hereto bind themselves, each to the other, and their successors, in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, firmly by these presents.

In witness whereof, the said parties to these presents have hereunto set there hands and seals.

Dated the day and year first above written.

WM. A. BANES, [SEAL.]

The Commissioners and Inhabitants of the District of Kensington, by

GEORGE DEHAVEN,	}	<i>Committee on Culverts.</i>
JOHN JACKSON,		
GEORGE REX,		

Sealed and delivered in presence of us :

WM. F. SMALL,
ANDREW J. WESTER.

APPENDIX No. 16.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Finance beg leave, very respectfully to submit, for the information of Councils, the accompanying statements, embracing a comparative view of the expenditures of the various municipalities now comprising the City of Philadelphia, for the year 1853; and an estimate of the probable expenses of the existing government for the current year, together with a schedule showing specifically the amounts which have been disbursed from the treasury, in payment of debts incurred by the respective corporations previous to consolidation, including three hundred and forty thousand dollars of loans, maturing prior to and during the year 1854:

These statements have been compiled with the utmost care, and the committee, after the most rigid scrutiny, have no hesitation in expressing their belief that although some trifling errors may hereafter be found to exist in certain items, yet in the aggregate, the details are for all purposes essentially correct. It will thus be seen that, notwithstanding the extravagance and imbecility which have been charged upon Councils, in the management of the finances of the city, the expenditures of the present corporation are not likely to reach the gross amount accruing under the old districts, by a very large sum; and when a proper view is taken of the difficulties with which they have had to contend in the formation of a new government, rendered still more onerous by reason of many incongruities in the act of consolidation, it will readily be acknowledged by all just-minded men, that they have thus far accomplished all that could have reasonably been demanded at their hands. It will also be seen, by reference to the statements of the liabilities of the old municipalities, some of which date back as far as 1846, together with the interest accruing on their respective funded debts, all of which has been paid out of the common treasury, not one of them having a dollar on hand (except the old city and county, and \$12,000 in the Borough of Germantown,) when they merged in consolidation. It will be at once seen, that the necessities of the treasury, at

the present time is, to say the least, far less owing to the mismanagement of these Councils, than to the extravagance of the old corporations.

Thus, while it is shown that the legitimate expenses of the city have not only not been increased over the gross amount of the old corporations, but on the contrary, have rather been diminished; it is proper to observe that the revenue has been decreased by the non-levying of a tax on moneys at interest, which, in the year 1853, yielded an income of fully one hundred thousand dollars. It will also be borne in mind that many expenses, such as fitting up Council Chambers, Departments and Offices, Books, Printing, &c., rendered necessary in the organization of the government, will not hereafter be incurred by any means to the same extent.

The committee have conceived it to be their duty to lay these statements before Councils in justification of their conduct, which has been the subject of much misconstruction, and as exhibiting in a concise and perspicuous manner the exact state of existing facts.

WM. P. HACKER, *chairman*,
JOHN U. GILLER,
ALGER. S. ROBERTS,
P. A. KEYSER,
WM. S. SMITH,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
O. P. CORNMAN,
EDW. GRATZ

Committee Room, April 19, 1855.

STATEMENT A.

Annual Appropriations for the Several Departments (under this Government) for the year 1855.

Interest, - - - - -	\$965,908 10
Highways, - - - - -	675,441 66
Police, - - - - -	506,640 00
Public Schools, - - - - -	456,863 00
Water Department, - - - - -	210,685 00
Guardians of the Poor, - - - - -	205,882 00
City Commissioners, - - - - -	158,410 55
Sinking Fund, - - - - -	100,000 00
City Property, - - - - -	75,614 89
Expenses of Councils, - - - - -	30,000 00
Prison, - - - - -	70,871 00
Board of Health, - - - - -	35,621 00
Treasurer's Department, - - - - -	18,050 00
Law, - - - - -	17,420 00
Controller, - - - - -	14,110 00
Markets, - - - - -	10,450 00
Receiver of Taxes, - - - - -	17,225 00
Wharves and Landings, - - - - -	4,950 00
Ice Boat, - - - - -	7,500 00
Fitting up Council Chambers, - - - - -	13,500 00
House of Refuge, - - - - -	13,000 00
Rosine, Northern Home and Foster Home As- sociations, - - - - -	4,500 00
Damages for opening Delaware avenue, - - - - -	10,914 00
Damages for opening Dickinson and Jervis sts., - - - - -	2,656 00
Spring Garden Gas Works, - - - - -	13,756 00
Lighting Department, - - - - -	4,540 28
Frankford Gas Works, - - - - -	1,718 10
Lighting the City, (April 12,) - - - - -	25,521 07
Market Department, (ground rent and taxes,) - - - - -	1,266 68
Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, - - - - -	36,300 00
Mrs. Catharine O'Callaghan, - - - - -	1,250 00
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	\$3,710,564 33

STATEMENT B.

Special Appropriations for the Year 1855, and Re-appropriations due 1854.

Controllers of Public Schools, as re-appropriated,	\$135,279	04
Loans, Orders, Promissory Notes and Judgments against the several Corporations, - -	237,020	10
Spring Garden Gas Works, as re-appropriated,	36,555	13
Board of Health, balance of bills of 1854, -	4,323	87
Water Department, do do -	36,068	80
City Commissioners, do do - -	35,880	83
Guardians of the Poor, do do -	12,612	63
Receiver of Taxes, do do - -	1,136	08
Highways, do do -	85,000	00
Spring Garden Gas Works, coal and pipe, 1854,	23,306	49
Gas, Public Lamps, and repairs to same, 1854,	62,233	27
Police, pay rolls for December, - - -	45,387	33
“ bills of 1854, - - - - -	8,309	24
Loans, Orders, Promissory Notes and Judgments against the several Corporations, -	100,000	00
Vaccine Physicians, and to pay vaccine cases for 1854, - - - - -	1,000	00
Market sites, Locust and Ninth, - - -	79,500	00
To pay loans due Jan 1, and July 1, 1855, -	260,228	00
City property, bills for 1854, - - -	2,566	42
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	\$1,166,407	23

STATEMENT C.

Amount paid by the City of Philadelphia on Outstanding Debts of the Old Corporations.

Spring Garden,	-	-	-	-	-	\$271,554	60
Spring Garden Water Works,	-	-	-	-	-	50,022	30
Spring Garden Gas Works for Pipes,	-	-	-	-	-	23,643	30
Kensington,	-	-	-	-	-	184,660	63
Moyamensing,	-	-	-	-	-	78,536	61
Penn District,	-	-	-	-	-	33,564	96
Richmond,	-	-	-	-	-	25,376	82
Northern Liberties,	-	-	-	-	-	42,591	50
Southwark,	-	-	-	-	-	25,292	52
City, -	-	-	-	-	-	32,703	10
West Philadelphia, -	-	-	-	-	-	31,523	73
West Philadelphia Water Works, -	-	-	-	-	-	27,500	00
Germantown, -	-	-	-	-	-	5,846	97
Germantown Hall, -	-	-	-	-	-	15,613	14
County of Philadelphia, -	-	-	-	-	-	18,863	26
Road Damages, -	-	-	-	-	-	18,316	00
Highways, Bills of 1854, -	-	-	-	-	-	80,000	00
Frankford, -	-	-	-	-	-	9,458	02
Townships, -	-	-	-	-	-	15,770	90
Public Schools, Warrants, -	-	-	-	-	-	30,438	45
Eastern Penitentiary, -	-	-	-	-	-	3,958	32
Loans Paid for City of Philadelphia, -	-	-	-	-	-	179,050	00
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							\$1,204,285 13

Appropriations to Pay.

Balance Protested Notes, &c.,	\$46,879	33
Germantown Hall,	18,000	00
Loans due July 1st, 1855,	110,000	00
West Philada. Water Works,	7,500	00
Opening Delaware Avenue,	10,914	00
Road Damages,	15,000	00
Market Sites Ninth and Locust,	79,500	00
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		287,793 33
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		\$1,492,078 46

STATEMENT D.

Expenses of the Different Corporations for the year 1853.

City, - - - - -	\$1,228,349 91
County, - - - - -	653,182 96
Spring Garden, - - - - -	420,261 48
Public Schools, - - - - -	504,674 29
Guardians of the Poor, - - - - -	310,034 25
Kensington, - - - - -	199,746 90
Southwark, - - - - -	175,387 25
Northern Liberties, - - - - -	113,000 00
West Philadelphia, - - - - -	105,791 59
District of Penn, - - - - -	101,233 00
Moyamensing, - - - - -	89,423 50
Richmond, - - - - -	52,107 64
Board of Health, - - - - -	24,728 56
Boroughs and Townships, - - - - -	64,000 00
Collecting taxes for the various Corporations, (exclusive of County and School tax,) -	60,000 00
Collecting Water Rents, - - - - -	12,000 00

 \$4,113,921 33

Interest on Railroad Stocks subscribed previous to 1853, and since which, companies paid the interest at their own offices, now included in the annual appropriation by this Government, - - - - -	256,500 00
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 \$4,370,421 33

Subscriptions by the different Corporations to various Railroad Companies, the interest of which is included in the Appropriations of this year, 1855, and not heretofore included in any of the Appropriations of the different Corporations:—

City of Philadelphia, - - - - -	\$2,025,000 00
Northern Liberties, - - - - -	1,000,000 00
Spring Garden, - - - - -	750,000 00
Richmond, - - - - -	500,000 00

 \$4,275,000 00

The interest of which amounts to \$256,500 00.

APPENDIX No. 17.

To Select and Common Councils :

The Committee on Poor, to whom was referred a communication from the Guardians of the Poor of the late Borough of Manayunk, with the Treasurer's account to December 4th, 1854, beg leave to report :

That they have examined into the matter contained in said communication, and have procured the Solicitor's opinion in relation thereto, which is herewith submitted, by which it appears "that the title of the real estate in the occupancy of the poor of said borough, was vested in the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia by the Consolidation Act." That the City Corporation must pay the debts of the Managers of the Poor of Manayunk, by an ordinance to appropriate the necessary amount therefor ; and further, that it is necessary, under a resolution of Councils, for "the Solicitor to take the necessary steps to collect all outstanding taxes," which, of course, must include the unsettled poor tax of Manayunk. The real estate alluded to has been valued at \$22,500, subject to a mortgage of \$2,987 79, leaving, if the valuation should be realized, \$19,512 21 in favor of the real estate, besides which is the balance of taxes unpaid on duplicates, including 1853. It may be proper to add that, the full amount of taxes were collected by the City for 1854, without the deduction of 18 cents on the \$100, allowed by the City to those Districts that supported their poor. All matters in relation to the poor of Manayunk have been settled by the Guardians of the Poor of Blockley, and the Directors of the Poor of Manayunk, up to this time ; the amount of indebtedness fixed, a visitor appointed, and the inmates of the Manayunk Poor House removed to Blockley, making it necessary for Councils to appropriate the sum of fifty-nine hundred and eighty dollars to the Guardians of the Poor of Blockley, to settle the indebtedness of the Directors of the Poor of Manayunk.

The committee offer the ordinance annexed for the payment

of amount due by the Guardians of Poor of Manayunk, and ask its adoption.

CHAS. MAGARGE, *chairman*,
W. H. STOKES,
WM. B. R. SELBY,
JNO. K. KNORR,
A. W. GREEN,
ANDW. HAGUE,
H. D. CALDWELL,
A. M. EASTWICK.

Committee Room, April 23, 1855.

—
PHILADELPHIA, January 22, 1855.

Sir:—The Committee on Poor have received from the City Solicitor, a history of the facts in relation to the poor of Manayunk, which is enclosed herewith; as I expect the committee to meet in a few days, I would thank you for an answer to the following queries in relation to the subject, to place before the committee:—

First.—If the title of the real estate in the occupancy of the poor of said borough has passed to the Consolidated City by the consolidation?

Second.—If it has not so passed already, will it pass to said City after an ordinance by Councils for the organization of Committee on Poor making it necessary for the poor of said District being sent to Blockley?

Third.—After passing said ordinance if it will be proper for Councils to pass a resolution discharging the Guardians of said Districts?

Fourth.—If it will be proper for the committee to offer a resolution or ordinance in Councils for the payment of bills already incurred by the Guardians of said District?

Fifth.—What course should be adopted to collect balance on duplicates, or what would be the proper manner of legally settling the indebtedness incurred by said Guardians, and the amount due them per duplicates unsettled, and per their account? To which may be added any other legal advice that belongs to the subject. I am sorry to trouble you, but considered something of this kind necessary to govern the action of committee.

Very, respectfully,

CHAS. MAGARGE, *Committee on Poor*.

ISAAC HAZLEHURST, Esq., *City Solicitor*.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, January 30, 1855. }

CHARLES MAGARGE, ESQ., *Chairman Committee on Poor* :

Dear Sir :—I reply to the inquiries contained in your letter of January 22, 1855, as follows :—

1st and 2d.—The title to the real estate mentioned was vested in the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia, by the Consolidation Act.

3d.—Such a resolution would be advantageous but is not necessary.

4th.—The City corporation must pay the debts of the Managers of the Poor of the Borough of Manayunk—this may be done by an ordinance to appropriate the necessary amount therefor.

5th.—It is made the duty of the Solicitor by a recent resolution of Councils, to take the necessary steps to collect all outstanding taxes.

I am respectfully yours,

I. HAZLEHURST.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, January 9, 1855. }

To the Committee on Poor :

GENTLEMEN—I have duly received your resolution of the third inst. in which my opinion is asked “upon the subject matters contained in the communication from the Directors of the Poor of the late Borough of Manayunk.”

I have also examined the communication referred to in the resolution, and have caused a careful examination to be made of the several laws bearing upon the questions submitted, and report as follows:

Previous to 1840, the Township of Roxborough included the village of Manayunk.

The Acts of Assembly relating to the Township Officers, provided that every township, except certain enumerated ones, among which the Township of Roxborough was not included, to elect annually two Overseers of the Poor.

Certain inhabitants of the village of Manayunk on the 13th of April, 1840, presented their petition to the Court of Quarter Sessions for the incorporation of the village of Manayunk into a borough, according to the provisions of the Act of 1st of April, 1834, entitled “An Act to provide for the incorporation of boroughs.”

The prayer of this petition, after the publication and other requisites of the law was complied with, was granted, and upon the 11th of June, 1840, the borough was incorporated.

By the provisions of the act authorizing the Court to incorporate boroughs, the inhabitants of every borough so incorporated were authorized to elect annually two citizens to be Overseers of the Poor.

The Town Council were authorized to levy taxes to carry into effect such rules and ordinances as may be necessary "to promote the peace, good order, benefit and advantage of" the borough.

By an act of March 3, 1847, "a further supplement to an act to incorporate the Borough of Manayunk, and to separate the Township of Roxborough therefrom," the Borough Councils were to levy and assess all road and poor taxes for the borough.

The inhabitants were to elect ten citizens to be a Town Council, and three to be Managers for the Relief and Employment of the Poor.

Subsequently an additional act was passed, that of "1848" by which the Town Council were authorized to purchase houses and lands in the borough or merely grounds to erect suitable buildings for the accommodation of the poor.

That from and after the passage thereof, the incorporated part of the Township of Roxborough, called the Borough of Manayunk, should be no longer connected with the incorporated part of the said township in the levy and assessment of taxes for the relief and employment of the poor, or for the opening and keeping in repair the roads, or for any other township purpose whatever.

SECT. 10. The present Managers of the Poor of the Township of Roxborough are authorized to sell, at public sale, the poor house of said township and the farm on which it is situated and all other real and personal estate to them belonging, and to execute the necessary deeds and conveyances therefor.

And the Managers shall divide the proceeds of the sale of said estate into two equal parts and pay one to the Managers for the Relief and Employment of the Poor of the Township of Roxborough and the other to the Town Council of Manayunk or such persons as they may authorize to receive the same, and appropriate it to the use of the poor.

By an act of 16th of March, 1847, the borough of Man-

yunk was authorized to bid for and purchase the said poor house estate, and to hold and convey the same at the pleasure of the borough corporation.

DEED.—The Managers for the Relief and Employment of the Poor of the Township of Roxborough to the Borough of Manayunk, dated 4th of June, 1849, recites the powers conferred upon the Managers to sell, and the Borough to purchase the said poor house property. Conveyed the same to the said borough in fee, for the consideration of \$7000.

Deed endorsed confirmation. Notice an omission to affix their corporate seal, which was accordingly affixed July 31, 1852.

It will be perceived, therefore, that the Managers of the Poor of the Borough of Manayunk were elected by the inhabitants of the borough, but the poor tax was assessed and levied by the Borough Council and collected by officers appointed by them.

By the 13th section of the Consolidation Act "the right, title and interest of the several townships, districts and other municipal corporations," mentioned in the act, among which was the Borough of Manayunk, to all lands, tenements, &c., &c., were vested in the City of Philadelphia.

The 18th section provided that arrangements existing at the passage of the act, for the support of the poor in certain boroughs and townships, and among them *the Borough of Manayunk*, were to remain and continue until changed and altered by the Councils of Philadelphia. And further, that in the Districts within the 21st, 22d and 23d wards, where houses for the accommodation of the poor were provided, no change was to be made, without the consent of the qualified voters of the respective districts containing the respective institutions for the support of the poor.

The poor arrangement in the Borough of Manayunk was an anomaly.

The Managers of the Poor were elected by the people; but the power to levy taxes was in the corporation of the borough; and although there was a house for the use of the poor, the Managers had no authority to support it by taxation.

The poor house passed to the City by the terms of the 37th section of the act, and there was a body of Managers to provide for their care and maintenance.

To complicate the matter yet further, an Act of Assembly, passed April 13, 1854, provided "That the Guardians of the Poor of the Borough of Manayunk, shall be authorized and empowered to transfer and set over all the right, title and interest in all real and personal estate and personal property held by the said Guardians of the Poor, for the benefit of the poor of said borough to the City of Philadelphia: *Provided*, that the existing arrangements for the support of the poor of the said City shall be extended to the Borough of Manayunk, and that all laws heretofore enacted for the support of the poor of said borough be and the same are hereby repealed."

It is to be remarked in connection with the provisions of this act, that the Guardians of the Poor of the Borough of Manayunk had no interest or title in or to the Poor House, since the title to the same was vested in the borough, and the Act of Assembly which authorized them to purchase, gave to them authority to hold and convey at pleasure.

The Directors of the Poor, however, continued to perform their duties in relation to the poor as theretofore; and in consequence thereof, have incurred debts for their support during the year 1854 of about 4,000 dollars; this sum they have no means to liquidate

The arrears of taxes assessed by the Borough Council of Manayunk, amount to \$4,000 or \$5,000, but as the duplicates make no distinction between poor tax and other borough tax, it is not possible to ascertain how much of that amount is applicable for poor purposes.

These duplicates are in the hands of collectors over whom the Guardians have no control.

The tax assessed by the City for 1854, was for poor among other purposes, and from the amount of tax so assessed, the rate of 18 cents in 100 dollars was deducted from property situate in certain Districts which maintained their poor; the deduction being expressed in the ordinance to be "an equivalent for the taxes levied on the property in the said Borough and Townships for the care and maintenance of the poor therein."

The property in the Borough of Manayunk had not the benefit of this deduction.

I am respectfully yours,

I. HAZLEHURST.

APPENDIX No. 18.

The Committee on City Property, to whom was referred the following resolution :

“ *Resolved*, That the Committee on City Property be instructed to report a statement of the annual rent of all the City property, specifying that occupied by the several Departments,”

Report, that they have examined the rental list, and made an estimate of the property used by the several departments as per the following list :

Office of the Register of Water, at the corner of Fifth and Chestnut streets, - - -	\$2,000 00
The Mayor's Office, Police Office and Lockup, City Hall, Fifth and Chestnut streets, -	2,500 00
Office of the Chief Commissioner of City High- ways, Fifth and Chestnut streets, - -	2,000 00
Office of the Commissioner of Markets, Fifth and Chestnut streets, - - - - -	750 00
Office Spring Garden Hall, Permit Clerk, -	75 00
Office Spring Garden Hall, Highways, -	150 00
Third story Spring Garden Hall, rent, - -	300 00
Tobacco Warehouse, Storage, &c., estimated,	3,500 00
Store, No. 1, Dock street, - - - - -	700 00
“ “ 3, “ - - - - -	475 00
“ “ 5, “ - - - - -	475 00
“ “ 7, “ - - - - -	475 00
“ “ 9, “ - - - - -	475 00
“ “ 11, “ - - - - -	475 00
“ “ 13, “ - - - - -	500 00
“ “ 1, “ - - - - -	350 00
“ “ 2, Front street, } - - - - -	1,850 00
“ “ 3, “ } - - - - -	
“ “ 4, “ } - - - - -	
“ “ 5, “ } - - - - -	
House Beaver court, - - - - -	120 00
“ Bickland street, - - - - -	80 00
“ “ - - - - -	80 00
“ Twenty-second and Cherry streets, -	125 00
Carried forward, - - - - -	<u>\$17,455 00</u>

Brought forward,	-	-	-	-	\$17,455 00
West Philadelphia Hall:					
Store No. 1,	-	-	-	-	100 00
“ “ 2,	-	-	-	-	75 00
“ “ 3,	-	-	-	-	150 00
Room No. 4,	-	-	-	-	75 00
“ “ 5,	-	-	-	-	75 00
“ “ 6,	-	-	-	-	200 00
“ “ 7,	-	-	-	-	150 00
“ “ 8,	-	-	-	-	60 00
“ “ 9,	-	-	-	-	100 00
“ “ 10,	-	-	-	-	150 00
Lockup West Philadelphia Hall,	-	-	-	-	50 00
House, Front above Noble street,	-	-	-	-	100 00
House, Front and Noble streets,	-	-	-	-	125 00
Small House, Northern Liberty Hall,	-	-	-	-	50 00
Old Mayor's Office, Northern Liberty Hall, Police,	-	-	-	-	100 00
House, South Northern Liberty Hall,	-	-	-	-	150 00
House, Carpenter street, Southwark,	-	-	-	-	100 00
Two frame dwellings near Frankford,	-	-	-	-	100 00
Two stores, Hall lot, Frankford,	-	-	-	-	50 00
Farm lately belonging to Manayunk,	-	-	-	-	250 00
Large frame building and two acres of land, Bridesburg,	-	-	-	-	100 00
Lemon Hill Estate,	-	-	-	-	600 00
Lot and Houses on Race, Crown and Fifth streets, rent for	-	-	-	-	2,285 00
Lot on Twenty-first street, between High and Chestnut streets,	-	-	-	-	50 00
Two Ground Rents, Lombard, between Ninth and Tenth streets,	-	-	-	-	90 00
Two Ground Rents, Lombard, bet. 10th & 11th sts.,					56 00
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Two Ground Rents, Tenth below Lombard st.,					81 00
Carried forward,	-	-	-	-	\$23,375 00

Brought forward,	- - - -	\$23,375 00
Ground Rent, Pennsylvania Railroad, West Philadelphia,	- - - -	5,700 00
Ground Rent for four lots in Spring Garden,		900 00
Office Spring Garden Hall, Permit Clerk for Water,	- - - -	150 00
Office Commissioners' Hall, Southwark, Highways,		75 00
Office Kensington Hall, Highways,	- - -	75 00
Office Spring Garden Hall, Gas,	- - -	150 00
Office Kensington Hall, Gas,	- - -	75 00
Lockup Southwark Hall, Police,	- - -	150 00
Late Hall, Frankford,	- - - -	100 00
Lockup and rooms occupied by Police, German-town Hall,	- - - -	500 00
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		\$31,250 00

Your committee respectfully ask the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of City Property, be requested to charge to the several Departments the amount of rent set to them in the annexed list, and present to the proper officer of each department a bill for the same ; rent to commence January 1st, 1855.

D. B. HINMAN, *chairman*,
H. BUMM,
JAMES DAVENPORT,
ROB'T NEWELL,
CHARLES THOMSON JONES,
I. N. MARSELIS,
FRANCIS H. DUFFEE.

Committee Room, April 18th, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 19.

The Committee on City Property to whom was referred the following resolution :

“ Resolved, That the Committee on City Property be requested to inquire into the propriety of selling or otherwise disposing of the lot of ground on Frankford street, Frankford, and to re-invest the proceeds in the purchase of twenty or

more acres of land on the top of Cedar Hill, in Oxford Township, for the purpose of being used as a reservoir for water to supply the Northern part of the City,"

Report, that they have visited the property named, and find the lot in Frankford to be one hundred and twenty feet on Frankford street, including a street of about forty feet, called Ruan street, and extends back to a street called Paul street, a distance of four hundred feet ; on said property is two small frame buildings, and a stone building used as a Police Station House on Frankford street, and a Market House on that part of the lot next to Paul street; there is also on the lot a frame building used as a Gas office ; your committee were informed that the market was of little or no use, and that the rent received was almost nominal for the houses on Frankford street ; the lot is said to be worth \$12 to \$14,000, and has a mortgage on it of \$8,000. It is probable that, after reserving the Station House, and necessary grounds for the same, a sale might be made to at least pay the incumbrance against the property ; your committee would recommend this to be done if it could be effected.

The purchase of twenty acres on Cedar Hill, would not cost less than \$10,000 for the property, and probably would much exceed that amount ; to be available for the purpose of a reservoir would involve a very large outlay on the ground, besides the expense of a stationary engine on the Delaware, and the pipes necessary to conduct the water for at least a mile to the reservoir, and also the distributing pipes from the reservoir to Frankford or such other points that the water would be used. In the opinion of your committee, this part of the resolution more properly belongs to the Committee on Water Works.

Your committee would respectfully ask the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee be excused from the further consideration of the subject.

D. B. HINMAN, *chairman*,
I. N. MARSELIS,
H. BUMM,
JAMES DAVENPORT,
ROB'T NEWELL,
CHARLES THOMSON JONES,
FRANCIS H. DUFFEE.

Committee Room, April 18th, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 20.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

The Committee of Visitation to the Girard College for Orphans for the month of March, 1855, respectfully report, that they have attended to their duties, and, in their visits, collectively and individually to the institution, during the month, have personally inspected all its departments.

The committee concur with those who have preceded them in the same duties during the present term of Councils, in according to the management and condition of the College, much praise. The pupils are in the enjoyment, generally, of excellent health, and their advancement in the varied and liberal course of studies allotted them, is mostly not only satisfactory, but of a very gratifying character.

The President and all of the officers of the College, exhibit their usual zeal and constancy in the strict and judicious performance of their arduous duties, and have expressed to the committee their grateful appreciation of the efficient and steady support extended to them by the Board of Directors, in maintaining the discipline and good order which conspicuously prevails.

An occasion of unusual severity in enforcing the discipline of the College, has occurred during the present month, which resulted in a sentence of dismissal of four of the pupils. The committee were present on the occasion of the enforcement of this decision, and were much impressed by the wholesome solemnity which was thrown over the proceeding by the course adopted by the Committee of Directors who, with the officers of the College conducted it, and the evidently beneficial influence of the admonitions thus extended to all of the pupils.

GEO. GRISCOM, *chairman*,
D. S. HASSINGER,
R. CRESSWELL,
HENRY SHUSTER,
JAMES GAY,
W. O. KLINE,
HENRY L. SMITH,
N. L. KEYSER,
JOS. M. THOMAS,
WM. H. DENNIS.

Philadelphia, March 29, 1855.

APPENDIX NO 21.

OFFICE OF THE PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS, }
April 26th, 1855. }

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN—In conformity with the provisions of the first section of an ordinance, entitled “An Ordinance for the Regulation of the Department of Gas,” the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, submit to the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, the following detailed report of the property, real and personal, taken possession of by them under said ordinance. The Gas Works of the late District of Spring Garden, comprising as follows:

The lot of ground—on which there is a ground rent of \$1,900—241 feet front on Callowhill street, with an average depth of 400 feet, containing two retort houses. No. 1 is 190 feet long by 30 feet wide, and contains 21 ovens with three retorts in each, of which 19 ovens are in good order; and retort house No. 2, is 164 feet long by 30 feet wide, and contains 18 ovens with three retorts in each, of which 13 are in good order; the remainder of the ovens are now undergoing repairs. These buildings are constructed with a basement story, 10 feet high, and fitted for a storehouse, with the necessary ventilation to prevent the coal from taking fire spontaneously; the roofs of these houses are so constructed of iron and slate as to make them perfectly fire proof. Two purifying houses: No. 1 is 54 feet long by 23 feet wide; No. 2 is 58 feet long by 26 feet wide; each of these houses contain 4 boxes 6 feet by 14 feet in the square. The condensing surface between each of these houses consists of 1,000 feet of 10 inch pipe. Also, two station meters and two governors of sufficient capacity to regulate and register 200,000 cubic feet of gas in 24 hours. Also, two sheds to prepare lime for purifying purposes, and three coal sheds capable of holding 4,000 tons of coal. Two platform scales of 2,400 lbs. each, to weigh the coal for charging retorts, and one large cart or wagon scale to weigh coal or other material bought or sold; also, a carpenter shop 18 by 24 feet square, and a blacksmith shop; also, a storehouse, 16 by 20 feet in the square,

and one office, 20 by 40 feet in the square, two stories high ; and two telescopic gas holders ; No. 1, is 62 feet in diameter by 40 feet high ; No. 2, is 100 feet in diameter by 60 feet high. The lot of ground on which these works are erected, is 241 feet front, by an average depth of 400 feet, and is enclosed in front with an iron fence, and on the sides with buildings.

Inventory of Stock and Tools.

Coal on hand,	- - - - -	tons,	1,654
Rosin,	- - - - -	barrels,	400
One 20 inch slide valve.			
Two 12 inch slide valves.			
Five tons pig lead.			
Coke barrows,	- - - - -		6
Coal cars,	- - - - -		6
Retort shovels,	- - - - -		25
Wheel barrows,	- - - - -		21
Rakes for retorts,	- - - - -		36
“ for yard,	- - - - -		4
Clinker bars,	- - - - -		25
Hand rakes,	- - - - -		36

Blacksmith Shop.

Steel,	- - - - -	lbs.,	225
Iron,	- - - - -	tons,	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
Smith tools, 1 set, No. 1,	- - - - -		
Spent lime,	- - - - -	bushels,	4,000

Garnkirk Tile.

30 by 12,	- - - - -		44
24 by 12,	- - - - -		155
20 by 12,	- - - - -		107

Tile.

New York, 24 by 14,	- - - - -		187
“ top tile,	- - - - -		56

Parting Blocks.

12 by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches,	- - - - -		56
22 by 21 by 4 inches,	- - - - -		14
Flue covers,	- - - - -		92
“ “	- - - - -		115

Skew backs,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45
Dampers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65
Door lintels,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Flue lintels,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
Door tiles,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
Fire bricks, New York, No. 1,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,838
“ “ “ No. 2,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	297
“ “ Philip Miller, No. 1,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,279
“ “ Alex. Berry, No. 1,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
Bearing bars for grates,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
Light boxes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Unset new retorts,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Fire clay,	-	-	-	-	-	-	tons,	5
Old building bricks,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000

Street Mains Laid.

20 inch pipe laid,	-	-	-	-	feet,	4,152
20 inch pipe not laid,	-	-	-	-	“	3,848
12 “ “ laid,	-	-	-	-	“	5,150
10 “ “ “	-	-	-	-	“	1,600
8 “ “ “	-	-	-	-	“	11,850
6 “ “ “	-	-	-	-	“	12,198
4 “ “ “	-	-	-	-	“	67,442
3 “ “ “	-	-	-	-	“	92,626
Service pipe,	-	-	-	-	“	85,456

Meters Set and in Use.

100 light meters,	-	-	-	-	-	No.	9
65 “ “	-	-	-	-	-	“	1
45 “ “	-	-	-	-	-	“	4
30 “ “	-	-	-	-	-	“	5
20 “ “	-	-	-	-	-	“	32
10 “ “	-	-	-	-	-	“	117
5 “ “	-	-	-	-	-	“	2,316
3 “ “	-	-	-	-	-	“	2,286

Meters on Hand.

10 light,	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
5 “	-	-	-	-	-	-	57
3 “	-	-	-	-	-	-	105

Meter Boxes.

100 light,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
60 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
45 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
20 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
10 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76
5 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	336
3 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	361
Stop boxes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	676
Block tin,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	lbs.,	47
Gas tongs,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
Hand carts,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Drilling tools, sets,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Drip pumps,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
1,000 lb. platform scale.									
Blacksmith tools, 1 set, No. 2.									
One extra vice.									
Cast steel,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	lbs.,	198
Bar iron,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	300
Long handle shovels,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Picks,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Drip boxes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Packing yarn,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	lbs.,	278
One drip cylinder and heads.									
Two 10 inch pipes, $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.									
One 8 inch length of pipe.									
Two 8 inch $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length.									
One 8 inch length of pipe.									
Three tar pumps.									
One lot of old grates, purifying.									
Two 8 inch $\frac{1}{4}$ old curve elbows.									
One 6 inch old curve elbow.									
Four feet 16 inch tapering elbows.									
Three feet 12 inch " "									
One 12 sleeve.									

Meter Cocks.

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch cocks,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
2 " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
1 " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46

$\frac{3}{4}$ inch cocks,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	218
$\frac{1}{2}$ " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82
Service 2 inch,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
" $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
" 1 " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
" $1\frac{1}{4}$ " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
" $\frac{3}{4}$ " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	149
Iron covers for stop boxes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41

Lead Pipe Connections.

Lead pipe $\frac{1}{2}$ inch,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
" " $\frac{3}{4}$ " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
" " 1 " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Lead pipe $\frac{3}{4}$ inch,	-	-	-	-	-	-	lbs.,	1,031
" " 1 " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	466
Iron pipe $\frac{3}{4}$ inch,	-	-	-	-	-	-	feet,	1,994
" " 1 " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	334
" " $1\frac{1}{2}$ " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	"	442
Lamp tubes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	113
Reducing sockets,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	105
$\frac{3}{4}$ inch springs,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
Office desks,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Tables,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Chairs, Committee Room,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Stoves,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Meter proving machine,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Stationery, 6 months' supply.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Map,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Matting on office.								
Twenty-six old retorts, 300 lbs. each.								
Ten 16 inch lengths of pipe.								
One branch.								
Two 12 inch lengths of pipe.								

The following is the number of Meter Boxes, &c., in the yard :

254	5	light	boxes.
235	3	"	"
10	20	"	"
18	10	"	"
3	45	"	"

- 1 50 light box.
- 1 100 " "
- 378 stop boxes.
- 10 feet 4 inch pipe.
- 30 feet of second-hand 6 inch pipe.
- 2 sets shear poles.
- 2 small pumps, dry well.
- 2 second-hand 6 inch stop cocks.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ ton of old iron pipes and bends.
- 100 feet of $\frac{5}{8}$ extra strong lead pipe.
- Gas on hand.
- 1 upright steam boiler.
- 1 stove at fitting shop.
- 16 3 light meters, }
- 20 5 " " } having been repaired by Colton & Code.
- 1 20 " " }

Inventory of Furniture in Gas Office.

- 1 large double desk.
- 1 small desk with book case.
- 1 smaller desk.
- 2 desk stools.
- 5 arm chairs.
- 1 water jar and stand.
- 1 wash basin.
- 1 tumbler.
- 1 stand for umbrella.
- 1 clock.
- 1 counter and shelves.
- 1 table with seal press.
- 1 slate.
- 6 turn-off keys.

Committee Room

- 1 large desk.
- 1 small desk.
- 1 large table.
- 5 arm chairs.
- 2 settees.

Inventory of Books, &c.

- 4 application books in use for gas.
- 1 “ “ new.
- 1 “ “ new, for service pipes.
- 3 old register books for quarterly bills.
- 3 “ “ “ “ in use.
- 1 ledger, not used.
- 1 journal, not used.
- 1 book for extra service pipe not used.
- 1 day-book for service pipe permits.
- 1 book for consumption gas, full.
- 1 old day or cash book.

There are others not in the office, being in the hands of Joseph Plankinton, since placed in the hands of the Trustees.

- 1 cash book in use.
- 1 new transfer book.
- 1 new book for pay rolls.
- 1 book blank, service pipe permits, in use.
- 1 “ “ “ “ “ new.
- 1 old duplicate, permits issued.
- Bill books from vol. 262 to 365.
- Duplicates of bills, vol. 1 to 261, inclusive.
- 5 bill books for intermediate bills.
- 2 alphabet books.
- 1 old monthly register book.
- 1 “ “ “ “ in use.
- 1 book for unpaid quarterly bills.
- 1 exchange meter book.
- 3 *old* shop registers.
- 1 shop register in use.
- 39 old street books, out of use.
- 24 street books, in use.
- 105 *new* street books.
- 16 pass books.
- 3 old ordinance books, District Spring Garden.
- 4 folio blank books, new.
- 2 “ “ “ in use.
- 1 book of blank permits for alterations, in use.
- 1 directory for 1855.
- 5 quires cap paper.
- 4 quires blotting paper.

3 boxes steel pens.
 1 box envelopes.
 1 box wafers.
 25 quills.
 Pen holders, $\frac{1}{2}$ box.
 5 bottles writing fluid.
 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen lead pencils.
 1 map, Pennsylvania, large.
 1 " City of Philadelphia and adjoining districts.
 1 " District of Penn.
 7 boxes of old plans.
 14 small books, containing list of meters set, number and size.
 2 " " for alcohol.
 2 " " proving.
 2 long " " "
 1 book for statements for immediate bills for removals.
 Cash received from Abraham Myers, Superinten-
 dent of Spring Garden Gas Works, - - \$1,924 75
 Cash received from John A. Stewart, Clerk, - 166 89
 " " " Seth Smith, Register, - 3,094 75
 [The Superintendent, A. Myers, reported an additional
 amount in his hands, \$1,761 88, which he states he will pay
 over to the Trustees, as soon as Councils will settle with him
 for services rendered by him since September 1st, 1854, and
 advances to the workingmen on account of their wages.
 The clerk of the works reports sundry accounts due to the
 Gas Works, for coke and tar sold various persons in the
 years 1852, '53, '54, '55, amounting to \$1,080 18, of the
 value of which no accurate opinion can be formed.]

—
West Philadelphia.

April 1, received from George Rugan, Jr., Superin-
 tendent of West Philadelphia Gas Works, - \$155 68

Street Mains.

	3 inch.	4 inch.	6 inch.	8 inch.	
1st Item—Laid by Board of Trustees,	4,066	38,416	10,781		53,263 ft.
2d " " " West Phila. Gas Co.,	7,863	11,481	7,854	1,447	28,645 "
	<u>11,929</u>	<u>49,897</u>	<u>18,635</u>	<u>14,47</u>	<u>81,908 "</u>

*12,081 feet of this item was laid by the Committee on Gas of the District of West Philadelphia, and by a resolution, placed under the Gas Works.

2 light. 3 light. 5 light. 10 ft. 20 ft. 30 ft. 45 ft. 60 ft. 100 ft.
 3d Item—No. Meters, 60 168 116 49 10 2 4 1 1 411

Number of applicants, Jan. 1st, 1854,	-	254	
“ “ “ Dec. 26th, “	-	230	
			484
Number of discontinuance, Jan. 1st. 1854,	-	58	
“ “ “ Dec. 26th, “	-	8	
			66
4th Item—Total,	-		418
Number of burners in private houses,	-		5,180
5th Item—Number of public lamps up and with lanterns and burners,	-		411

Gas Pipes and Drips, and size of Pipes in the late District of Moyamensing.

STREETS.	LOCATION.	SIZE OF PIPES.
Broad st.	From Shippen street continued to Prime street,	4 inches.
Bedford st.	From 5th street continued to 7th street, - -	3 “
Baker st.	From 7th street continued to Spafford street, -	3 “
Catharine st.	From 6th street continued to 10th street, and Erie street to 12th street, - - - -	4 “
Christian st.	From Passyunk Road continued to half-way between 9th and 10th streets, - - - -	4 “
“	From half-way between 9th and 10th streets to 10th street, - - - -	6 “
Carpenter st.	From 9th street continued to 11th street, - -	4 “
Eighth st.	From Bedford street continued to Passyunk Road, -	3 “
Erie st.	From Shippen street continued half-way to Christian street, - - - -	3 “
Eleventh st.	From Christian street continued to Carpenter street, -	3 “
Fifth st.	From South street continued to Passyunk Road, -	3 “
Fitzwater st.	From Passyunk Road continued to 70 feet east of Broad street, - - - -	4 “
“	From Broad street continued to 17th street, - -	4 “
Federal st.	From 9th street continued to 13th street, - -	3 “
Florida st.	From Shippen street continued to Fitzwater street, -	4 “
Gray's Ferry road.	From South street continued to Railroad below the Arsenal, - - - -	3 “
Lebanon st.	From Catharine street continued to Christian street, -	3 “
Marriott's Lane.	From 8th street continued to 9th street. - -	3 “
Ninth st.	From South street continued to Passyunk Road, -	3 “
Shippen st.	From 5th street continued to Broad street, -	4 “
Sixth st.	From South street continued to Passyunk Road, -	3 “
Seventh st.	From South street continued to Fitzwater street, -	3 “
Spafford st.	From Shippen street continued to Catharine street, -	3 “
South st.	From Meter House, South East corner 10th and Carbon streets to 10th street, - - - -	6 “
Shippen Lane.	From South street continued to Shippen street, -	3 “
Tenth st.	From South street continued to Passyunk Road, -	6 “
Twelfth st.	From South street continued to Federal street, -	3 “
Thirteenth st.	From Shippen street continued to Federal street, -	3 “
Tidmarsh st.	From 13th street continued to Broad street, -	3 “
Washington st.	From 13th street continued to Broad street, -	4 “

Location of Drips.

South street, opposite Meter House,	-	-	-	1
Catharine street, half-way above 7th street,	-	-	-	1
South-east corner 13th and Fitzwater streets,	-	-	-	1
Tenth street, west side, centre of Christian street,	-	-	-	1
Eighth street, east and west sides, below Carpenter street,	-	-	-	2
South side of Prime street, centre of 13th street,	-	-	-	1
Gray's Ferry Road, west side, opposite south end wall of Naval Asylum,	-	-	-	1
North-east corner 12th and Carpenter streets,	-	-	-	1
North-east corner 12th and Prime streets, (syphon,)	-	-	-	1
South-west corner 5th and Shippen streets,	-	-	-	1
North-east corner 13th and Federal streets,	-	-	-	1
Centre of 12th and Federal streets,	-	-	-	1

*Report of Services Laid and Meters Set in the late District
of Moyamensing, October 1st, 1854.*

METERS FOUND SET AT THIS DATE.

	3 l.	5 l.	10 l.	20 l.	30 l.	45 l.	60 l.	100 l.	SERVICES LAID.
Meters set to date, 1854.	485	159	11	6	2	2	0	2	674
October, - -	0	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
November, - -	1	3	1	3	2	0	1	0	8
December, - -	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
1855.									
January, - -	1	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	8
February, - -	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
March, - -	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	492	172	14	13	5	2	1	2	71

Total of meters of all sizes, - - - - 701

Gas Lamps found Set, October 1, 1854.

On post, - - - -	178
On wall, - - - -	0
Market Houses, - - - -	8
Total, - - - -	186
Oil lamps on post, - - - -	81

*Inventory of the Stock and Tools belonging to the Gas Department
at Frankford.*

6 inch gas main, 1,035 feet.	2 6 inch sleeves.
4 " " " 8,046 "	1 4 " "
3 " " " 20,400 "	5 3 " "
2 " " " 1,390 "	4 6 " bevil hubs.
	2 4 " " "
Making in all 30,871 "	3 3 " " "
or nearly 6 miles.	1 6 " spring.
121 services.	1 3 " "
118 meters, set.	18 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
21 lamp posts.	1 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
21 lamp pipes.	53 1 " "
32 street lamps, set.	59 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "
18 lamp tubes.	2 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " bends.
22 lamp tulips.	8 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
22 ladder bars.	13 1 " "
21 lanterns.	20 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "
545 ft 1 inch service pipe.	6 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " L's
80 ft 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " " "	5 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
256 ft 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " "	55 1 " "
20 ft $\frac{3}{4}$ " lead "	23 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "
39 ft 1 " " "	8 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " T's
20 ft 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " " "	18 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
3045 ft 3 in. main pipe.	30 1 " "
126 ft 2 " " "	14 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "
300 ft 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " "	25 1 inch nipples.
1026 ft 3 " " damaged.	57 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "
216 ft 6 " " "	25 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " sockets.
36 ft 4 " " "	28 1 " "
2 3 inch drips.	93 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "
1 2 " " "	4 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " reducing sockets.
3 6 " double branches.	11 1 " " "
6 4 " " "	19 stop boxes.
3 3 " " "	15 pigs of lead, lbs. 2076.
3 2 " " "	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch connections.
1 6 " single branch.	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " " "
9 4 " " "	9 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " stop cocks.
2 3 " " "	27 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " " "
9 2 " " "	25 1 " " "
8 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " "	9 $\frac{3}{4}$ " " "

18	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	inch meter cocks	1 sledge.
24	1	" " "	1 crow and drill.
4	20	light meters.	2 keys.
10	10	" "	2 squares.
5	5	" "	2 levels, (spirit.)
11	3	" "	3 planes.
6	5	" " out of order.	6 pairs tongs.
14	3	" " " "	2 wheelbarrows.
25	lbs.	white lead.	7 chisels and caulking tools.
450	ft	hemlock scantlin 3 x 4.	7 gasket irons.

TOOLS.

1 set	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	stocks, dies, taps, &c.	1 air pump.
1	" 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	" " "	1 water pump.
9		picks.	1 monkey wrench.
13		shovels.	1 iron vice and bench.
2		spades.	
1		wood saw and horse.	
1		hand saw.	
3		hammers.	
1		hatchet.	
2		crow bars.	
2		wall drills.	

OFFICE FURNITURE.

1	desk.
2	tables.
6	chairs.
3	window curtains.
1	stove.

Lot of ground on which the gas holder and meter house stands, on the turnpike adjoining the creek, with two houses and a carpenter shop, subject to a ground rent of \$240 per annum; one frame building built for a gas office on lot known as the town hall lot, Frankford.

So far as was practicable, the several articles contained in the foregoing inventory were verified by the inspection of a sub-committee of the Committee on Gas and a Committee of the Board of Trustees. Such items as could not be verified by inspection were obtained from the superintendents of the various departments.

This inventory embraces the property taken up to April 1.

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